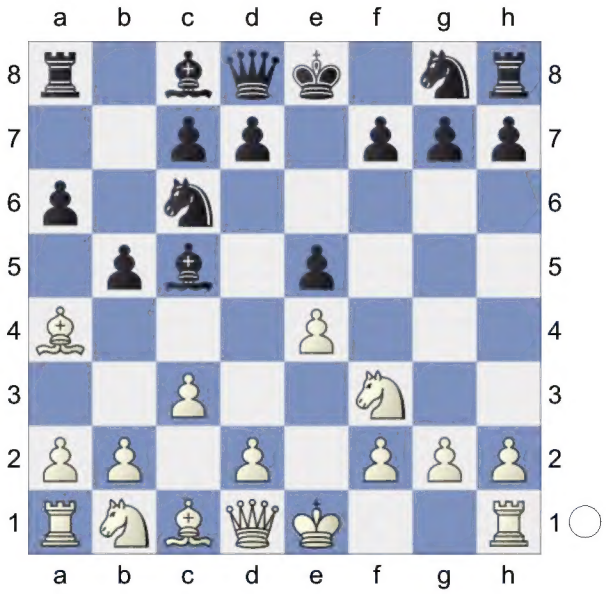
Ruy Lopez
With 3...a6 and 4...Bc5
100 Reference Games

Chess Notes 2025

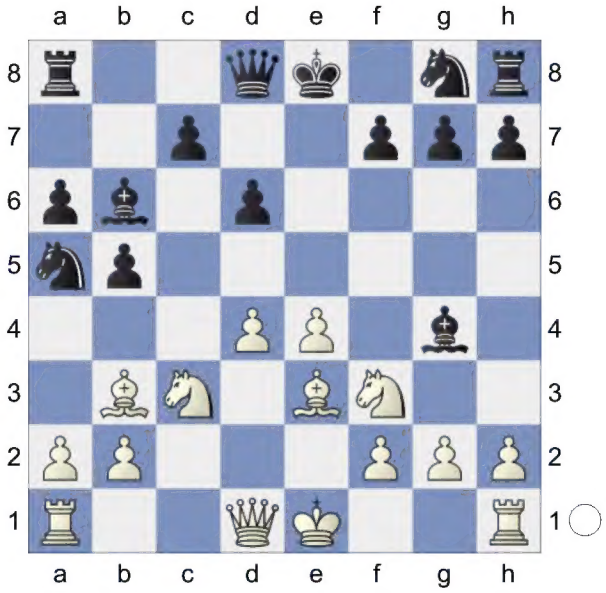
1 **C70**
□ **Komododragon** **3590**
■ **Stockfish Dev15** **3612**
TCEC 22 Premier 2022 (28.3) 18.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

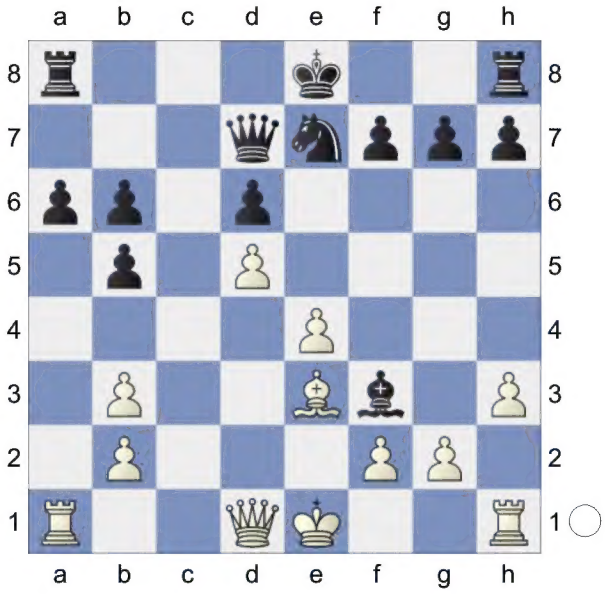
Chapter **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 b5**



6.Bb3 d6
[6...Qe7 7.d4 Bb6 8.0-0 d6 9.Bd5 Bb7 10.a4 Nf6 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8+ Bxa8 13.Qb3 Nxd5 14.exd5 Na7 15.Na3 0-0 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Re1 f6 18.Nxb5 Qc5 19.Nxa7 Bxd5 20.Qc2 Qa5 21.b4 ½-½ (49) Schallopp,E (2450)-Anderssen,A (2600) Berlin 1864]
7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 Bb6
[8...Bb4+ 9.Nc3 Bg4 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Bc2 Chapter-4...g6,4 2012]
9.Nc3N
[9.h3 Qf6 10.Be3 Nge7 11.Nc3 Na5 12.Bc2 Nc4 13.Bg5 Qg6 14.Nd5 f6 15.e5 Bf5 16.Nxe7 Kxe7 17.Bxf6+ gxf6 18.Nh4 Qg5 19.Nxf5+ Kd7 20.e6+ Kc8 21.0-0 1-0 Dostan, J-Vodep,O EU-ch GT213 corr 1984]
9...Bg4 10.Be3 Na5

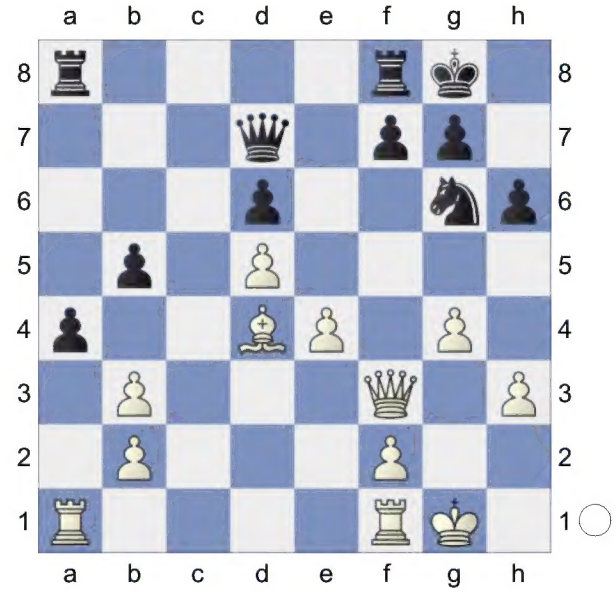


11.Nd5 Nxb3 12.axb3
[12.Qxb3 Ba5+ 13.Bd2 c6 14.Bxa5 Qxa5+ 15.Qb4 Qxb4+ 16.Nxb4 Ne7=]
12...Qd7 13.Nxb6 cxb6 14.d5 Ne7
15.h3 Repels f5
[15.Bxb6 f5 16.e5 0-0=]
15...Bxf3

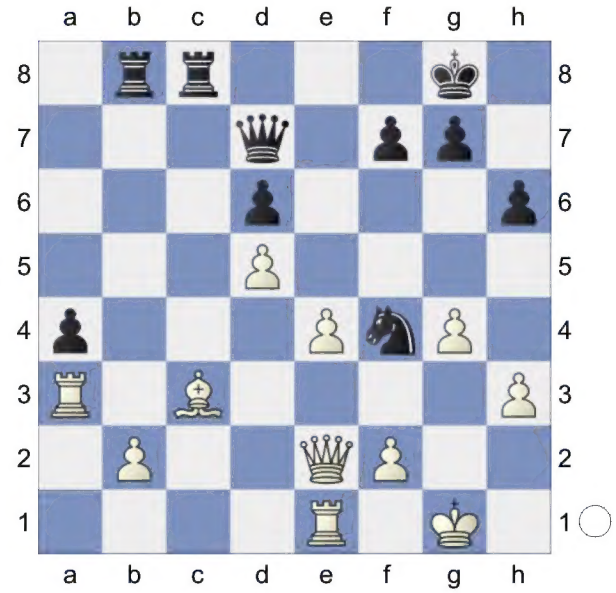


16.Qxf3 0-0 17.g4 a5 18.Bxb6 a4

19.Bd4 h6 20.0-0 Ng6

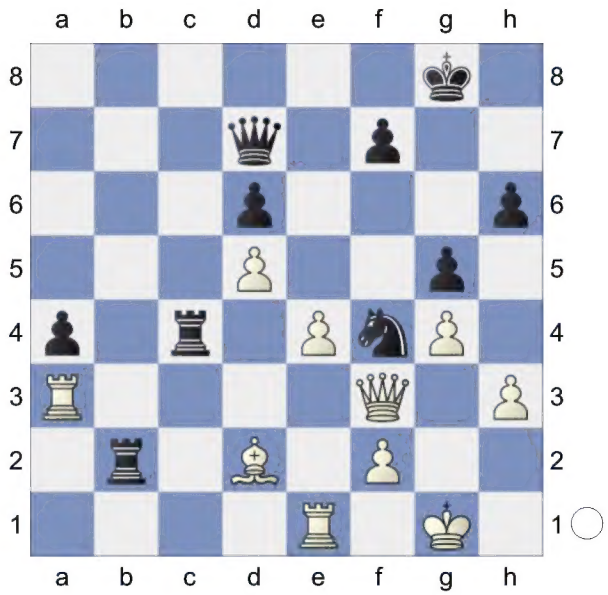


21.Rfe1 Rfe8 22.bxa4 bxa4 23.Ra3 Rec8 24.Qe2 White is much more active. **24...Rab8 25.Bc3 Nf4**

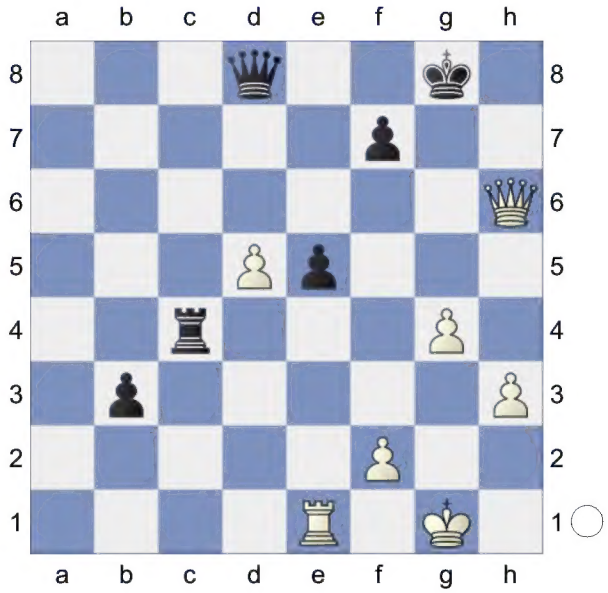


26.Qf3 Ng6 27.Qd3 Nf4 28.Qg3 g5 29.Qf3 Rc4 30.Bd2 0.39/20
[30.h4± 0.90/19]
30...Rxb2±

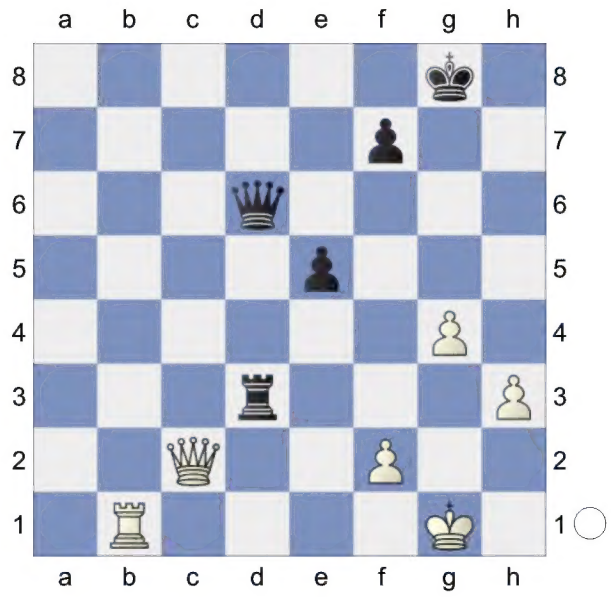
(Diagram)



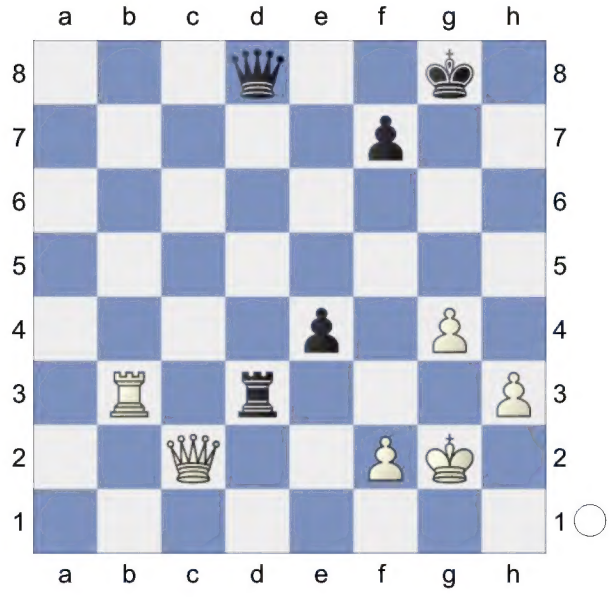
31.Bxf4 gxf4 32.Qxf4 Rb3! 33.Rxb3 axb3 34.Qxh6 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is two pawns up. **34...Qd8! 35.e5 dxe5**



36.d6 b2 ...Ra4 is the strong threat.
37.Qd2!↑ White is pushing.
[37.Rxe5? b1Q+ *(37...b1B? 38.Rh5+-)* 38.Kh2 Qg6-+]
37...Re4! Decoy **38.Rb1**
[38.Rxe4 b1Q+ *(38...b1B? 39.Rxe5 Bg6 40.d7+-)* 39.Re1 Qb5-+]
38...Rd4 39.Qxb2 Qxd6 40.Qc2 Rd3
(Diagram)



41.Rb3 e4 42.Kg2 Qd8



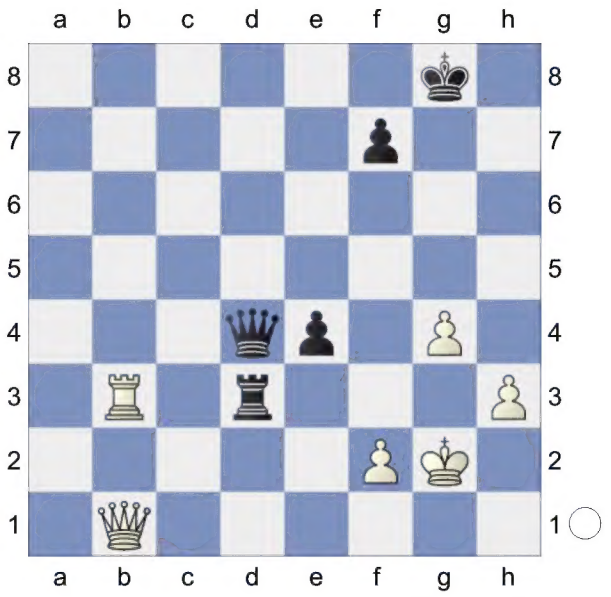
43.Qb1 0.46/21

[43.Qb2!± 1.06/21 Threatens to win with Rb8. Kh7 44.Rb5]

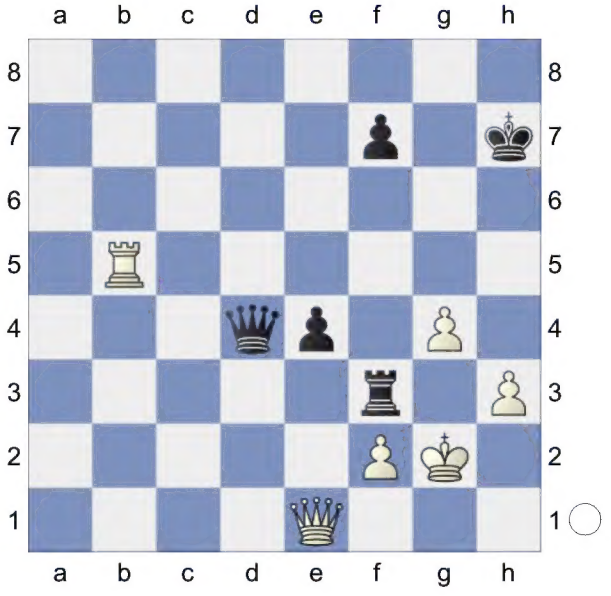
43...Qd4 0.88/22

[43...Kg7!± 0.46/21 feels stronger.]

(Diagram)



44.Rb5!± White is better. **44...Rf3 45.Qe1 Kh7**



46.Qe2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

46...Kg7

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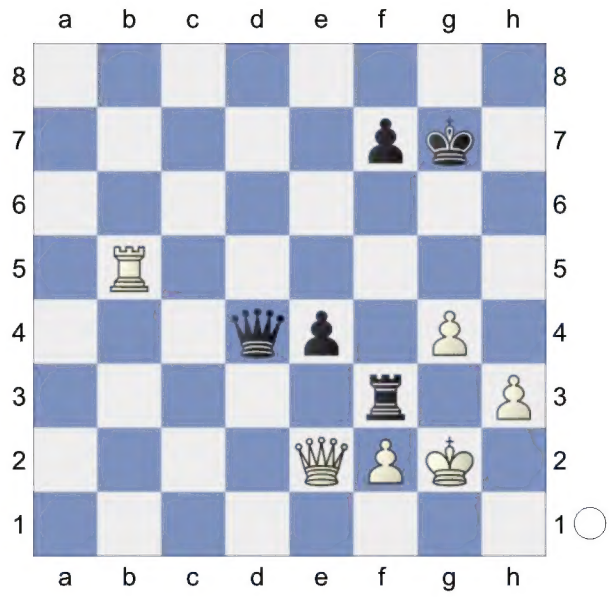

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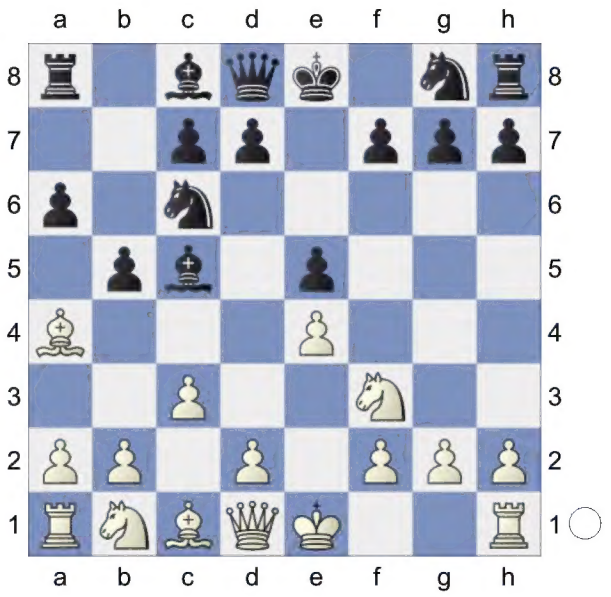
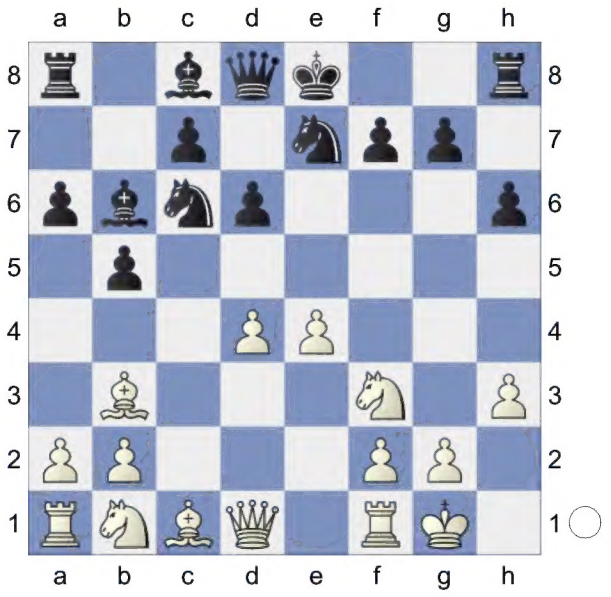


6.Bb3 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.h3 Nge7 10.0-0 h6

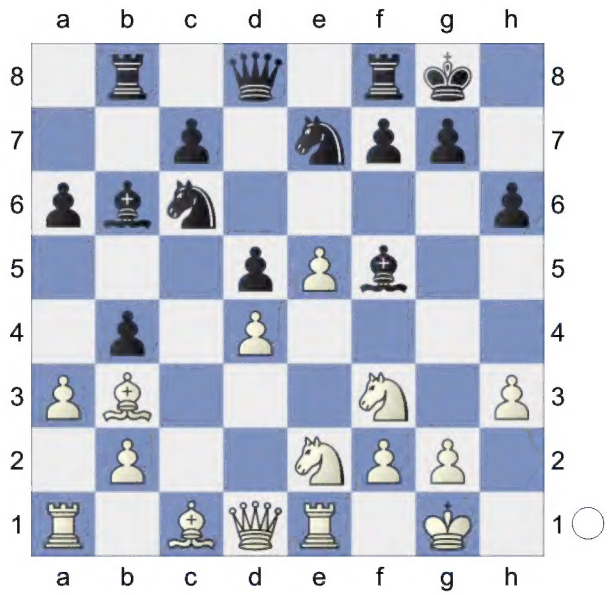


11.Nc3 0-0N

[11...Na5 12.Bc2 0-0 13.Re1 f5 14.b3 fxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bc2 Nac6 17.Be3 Bf5 18.Rc1 Qd7 19.Bxf5 Nxf5 20.Qd3 Rae8 21.Ne2 Re4 22.Nc3 Re7 23.a3 Rfe8 24.Re2 Nxe3 25.fxe3 Qd6 26.Rf1 0-1 (43) Sinowjew,J (2255)-Mahdy,K (2350) Vienna op 1990 (3)]

12.Re1 Rb8 13.a3 White is better.

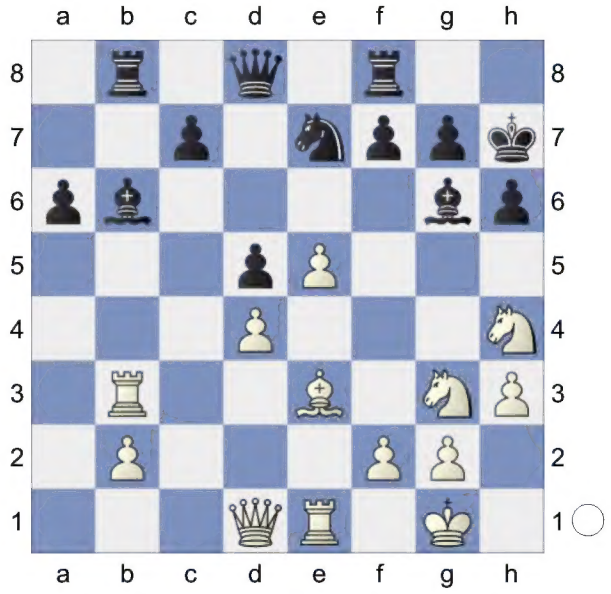
13...b4 14.Ne2 d5 15.e5 Bf5



16.Ng3 Inhibits Be4. **16...Bg6 17.Be3 bxa3 18.Rxa3 Na5 19.Nh4 Nxb3 20.Rxb3**

[20.Qxb3 Bxd4 21.Qa4 Bxb2 *(21...Bxe5 22.Ba7∓)* 22.Qxa6 d4-+ *(22...Bxe5 23.Bc5∓)*]

20...Kh7



21.f4 Ng8 22.Ngf5 Qd7 23.g4 Qa4 24.Rc3

[24.Ra3 simplifies Qxd1 25.Rxd1 a5 26.Ng3]

24...Qxd1 25.Rxd1 Bxf5

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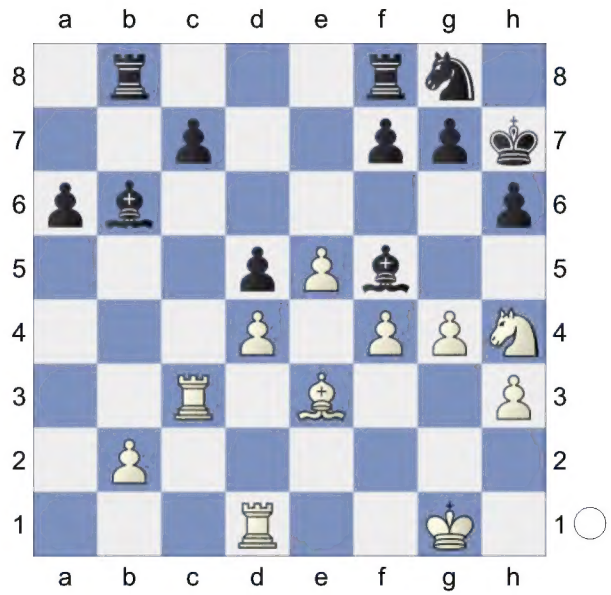

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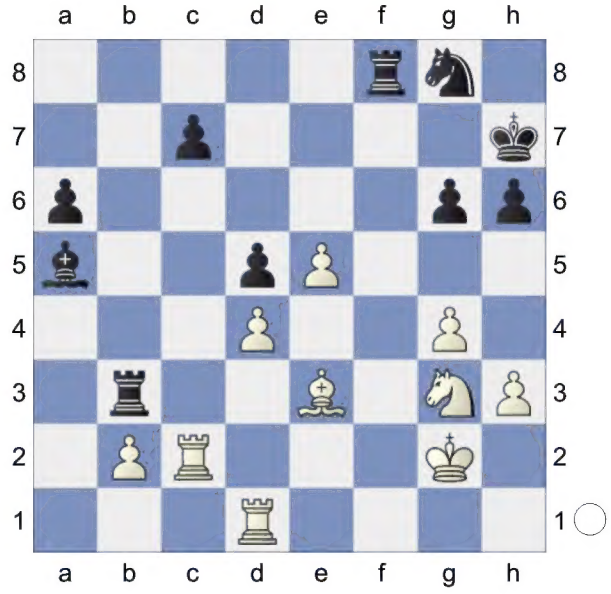

31.Ra1 Bb4 32.Re2 a5 33.Rc1 Rc8 34.Rc6 Be7 Against h4 **35.Ra6 Bh4**

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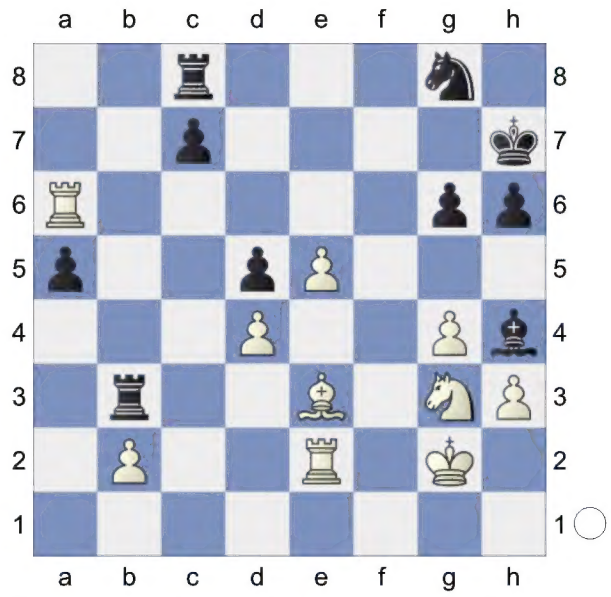

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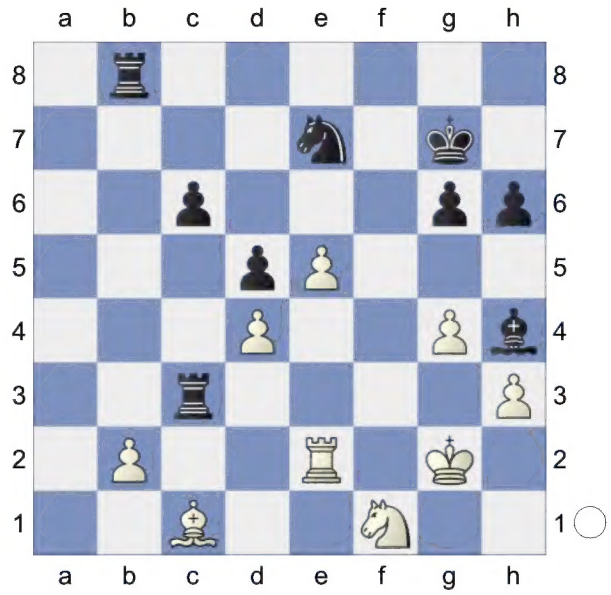

41.bxc3 Rb3 42.Rc2 Be1 43.Bb2 Nc8 1.78/20

[43...Rxb2± 1.41/20 44.Rxb2 Bxc3]

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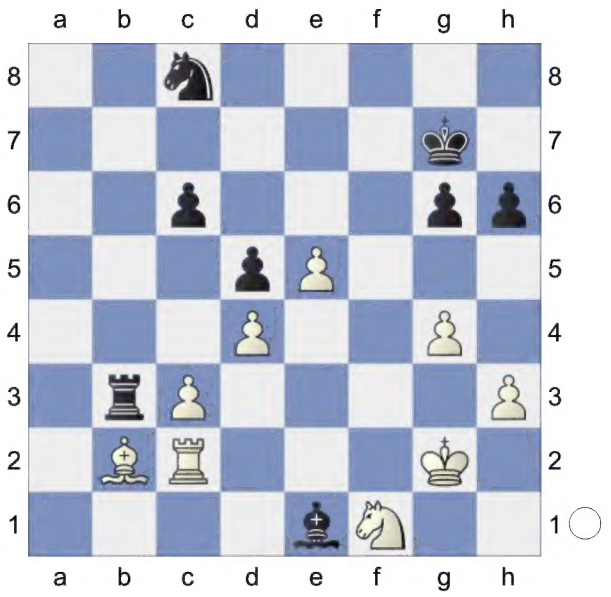
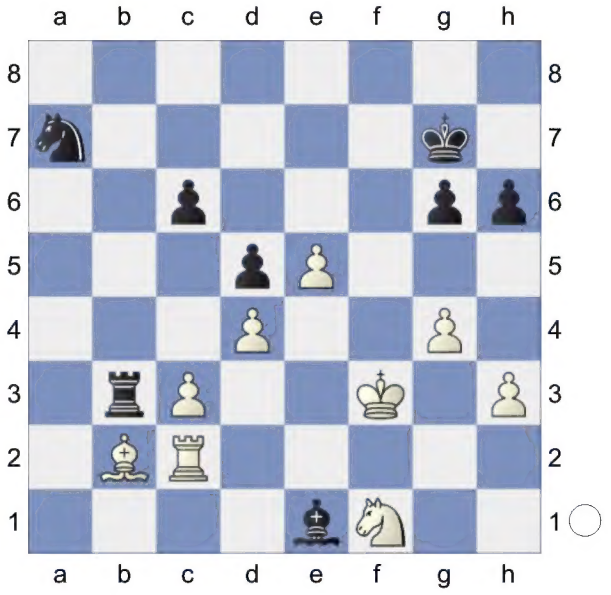


44.Kf3!+- Na7



45.Ke2! Bh4

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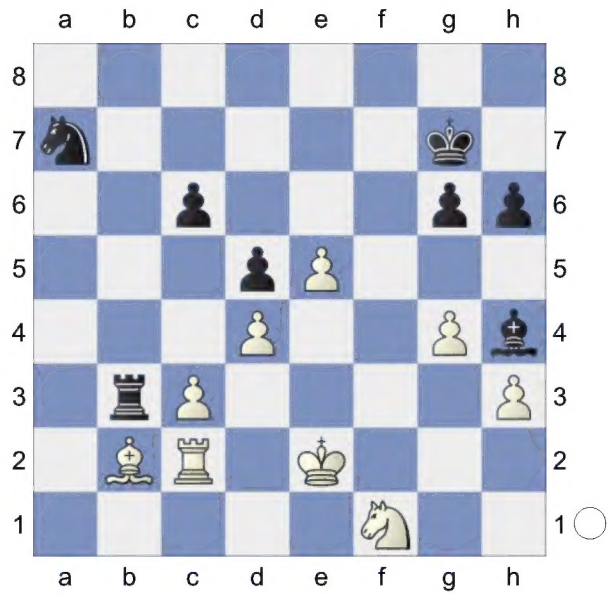
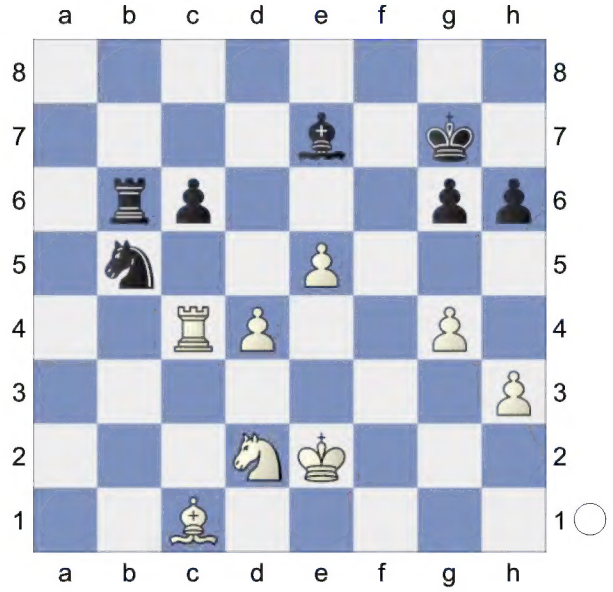


46.Nd2 Rb6 47.c4 Prevents Nb5.
47...dxc4 48.Bc1 c3 49.Rxc3 Nb5 50.Rc4 Be7 2.44/22
[⌓50...Bg5 1.93/20 51.Kd3 Be7]



51.Nf3 g5 52.Kd3 Kf7 53.Ke4 Ra6 54.Ne1
[Less strong is 54.Kf5 Ra2±]
54...Nc7 55.Nc2 Ke6

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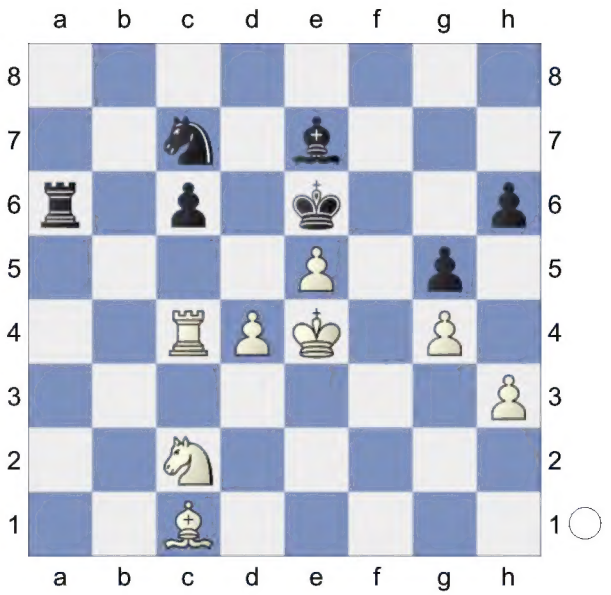
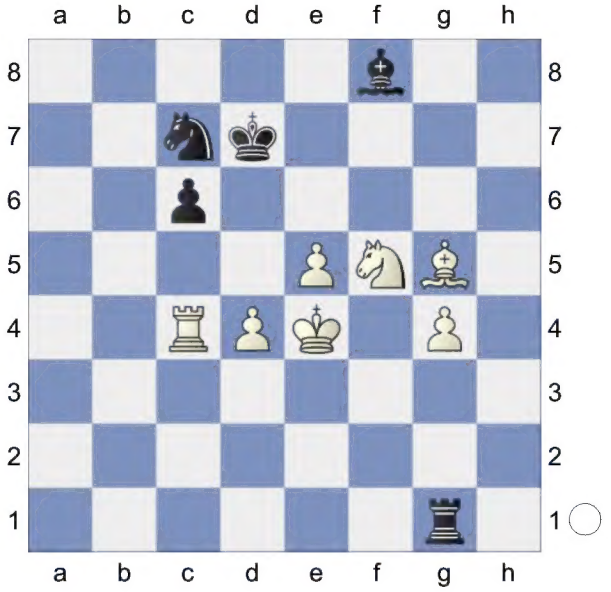


56.Ne3 Kd7 57.Nf5 Bf8 58.h4 Ra1 59.hxg5 hxg5 60.Bxg5 Rg1



61.Kf3 Rf1+ 62.Kg2 Rb1 63.Rc1 Rb3 64.Rh1 Ke6 65.Rh8 Ba3

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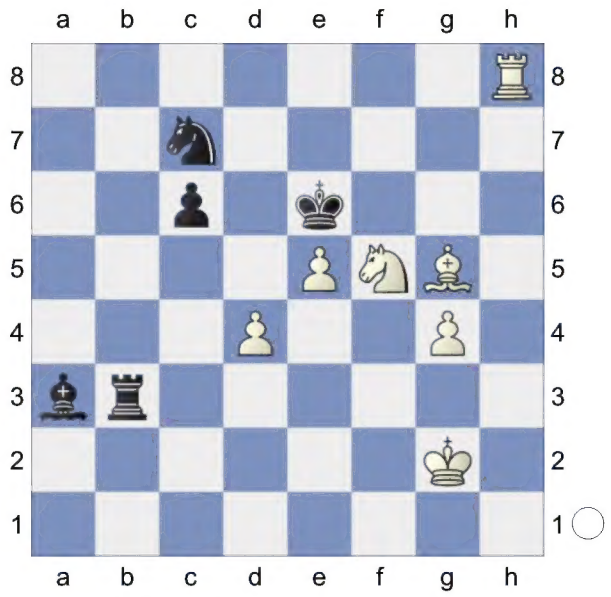
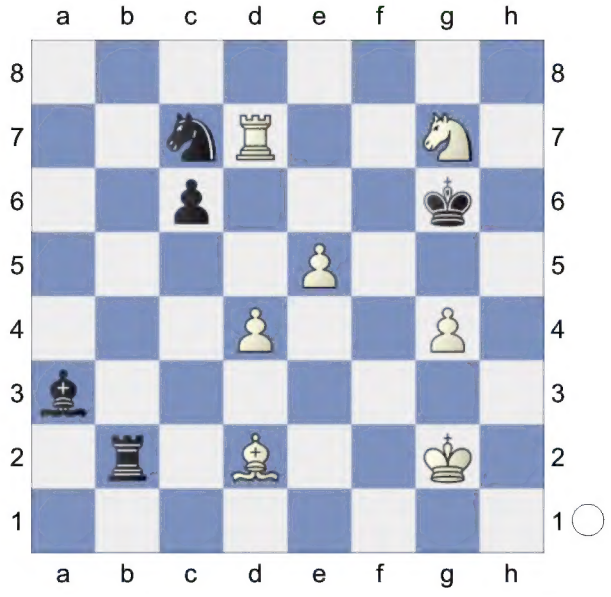
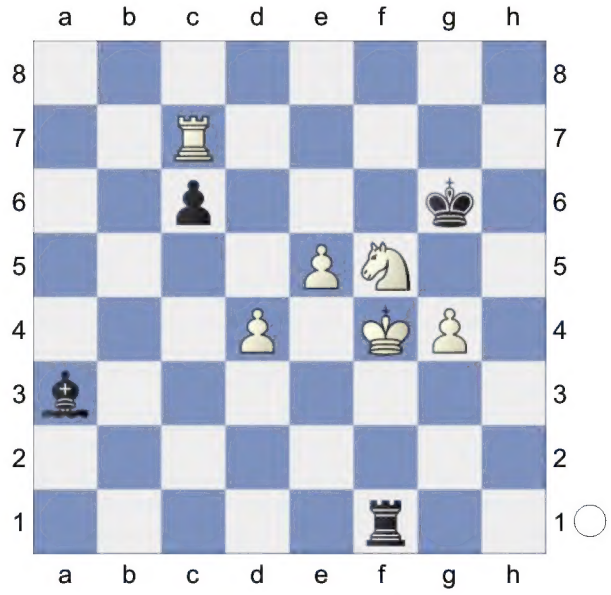


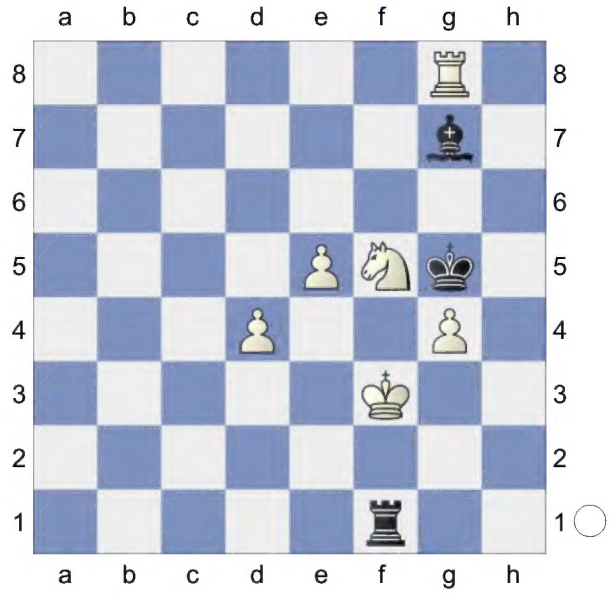
66.Rc8 Kd7 7.00/18
[⌓66...Nb5 4.65/17 67.Rxc6+ Kd5]
67.Rd8+ Ke6 68.Ng7+ Kf7 69.Rd7+ Kg6 70.Bd2
[70.Rxc7 Kxg5 71.Rxc6 Rd3=]
70...Rb2 6.91/17
[⌓70...Rd3 4.65/17 71.Rxc7 Rxd4 *(71...Rxd2+? perishes. 72.Kf3+-)*]



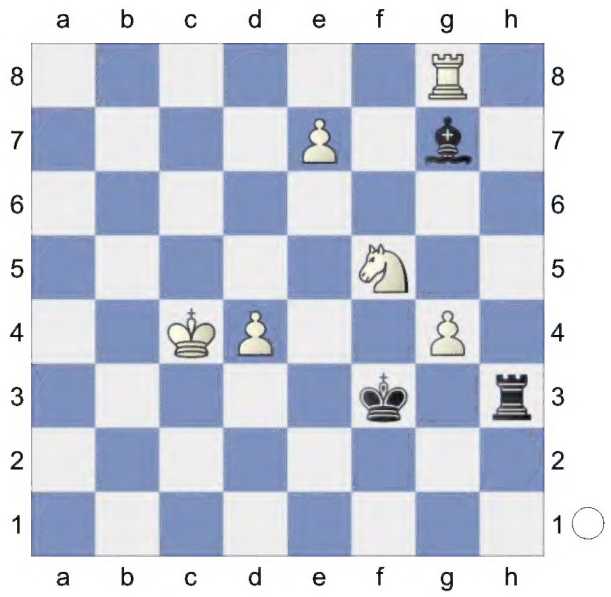
71.Rxc7 Rxd2+ Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up. **72.Kf3 Rd3+ 73.Ke4 Rg3 74.Kf4** and Nf5! would now be decisive
[74.Rxc6+ Kxg7 75.d5 *(75.Kf5 Rf3+ 76.Ke4 Rg3=)* 75...Rxg4+ 76.Kf5 Rh4=]
74...Rg1 75.Nf5 9.71/18
[75.Rxc6+ Kxg7 76.Rc7+ Kg6=]
[⌓75.Ne6 5.78/17 Rf1+ 76.Kg3 Rg1+ 77.Kf3 Rf1+ 78.Ke3]
75...Rf1+



76.Ke4 Bf8 Against Rg7+ **77.Rxc6+ Kg5 78.Rc8 Re1+ 79.Kf3 Bg7 80.Rg8 Rf1+**



81.Ke2 Rh1 82.e6 Kf4 83.e7 Rh2+ 84.Kd3 Rh3+ 85.Kc4 Kf3



86.e8Q White wants to mate with Qe3+. **86...Kf2 87.Rxg7** White mates. **87...Rf3 88.Rh7 Rxf5**

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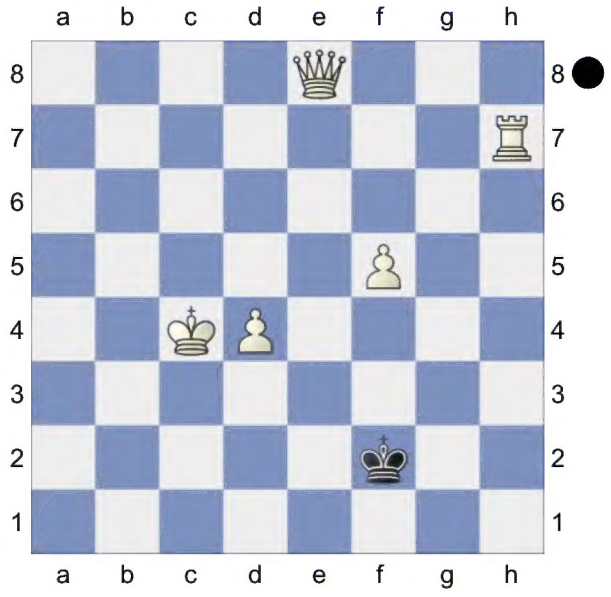
89.gxf5



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3 **C70**

□ **Feokl1995** **3053**

■ **NIndja64** **2899**

Blitz 25.11.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

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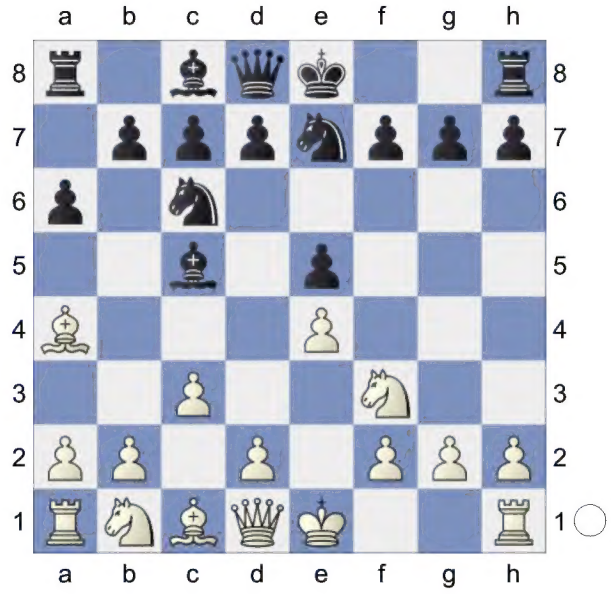
This was the final round of the event. I was really motivated to finish the event on a high note. My opponent was having a good tournament so far. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**



6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Qxd5**

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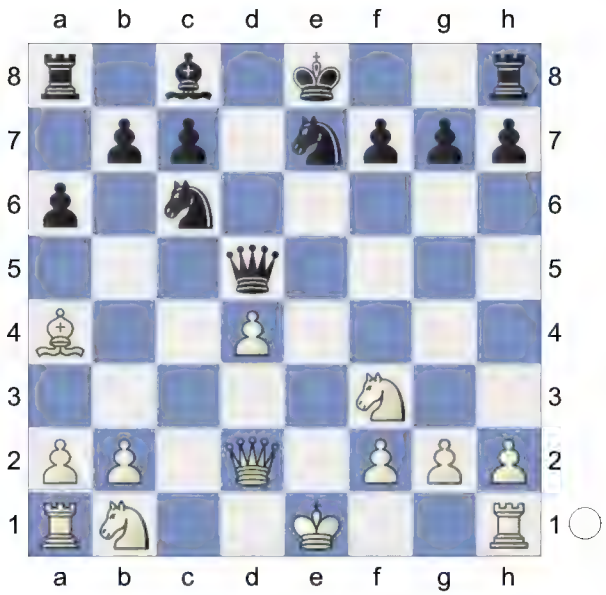


11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Kf1 -0.45/19

[12.Qe3± 0.47/19]

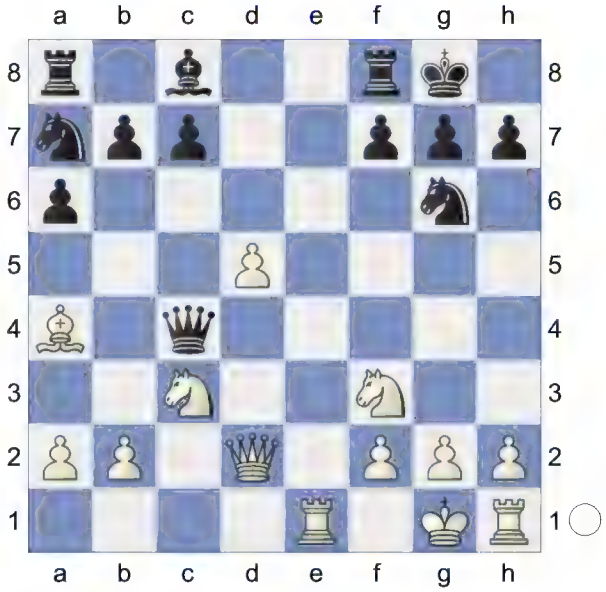
[12.Ne5 0-0 13.0-0-0 Nb4 14.Bb3 Nbd5 15.Rhe1 Qd6 16.Ne4 Qd8 17.h4 a5 18.h5 a4 19.Bc2 f6 20.Nf3 a3 21.b3 b6 22.Nc3 Ba6 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Nh4 Qd7 25.Nf5 Qc6 26.Re3 Rfe8 0-1 (33) Orozbaev,E (2419)-Abdsattar,A (2114) Pavlodar Nikitin Memorial 2025 (3)]

12...Qc4+!∓ 13.Kg1! 0-0N 0.92/19

[13...Be6= -0.09/20 14.Ne5 Qb4 15.a3 Qb6 16.Bxc6+ Nxc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h4 0-0-0 19.h5 Bd5 20.f3 Qf6 21.Qf2 Bb3 22.Rh4 Rhe8 23.Rg4 Qh6 24.Re1 f5 25.Rh4 Bf7 26.Kh2 Bxh5 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Qg3 Qg6 0-1 (52) Zhu,J (2478)-Erigaisi,A (2632) Tata Steel-B 84th 2022 (9) 29.Qf4 Qf7 30.d5 Bg6 31.d6 Rd8 32.dxc7 Qxc7 33.Qxc7+ Kxc7 34.Ne2 Rd2 35.Nf4 Rxb2 36.Nxg6 hxg6 37.Rh7 Kb6 38.Rxg7 Ka5 39.Rxg6 Ka4 40.Rg5 f4 41.Rf5 Kxa3 42.Rxf4 b5 43.Kh3 b4 1-0 (52) Praggnanandhaa,R (2612)-Esipenko,A (2714) Tata Steel-A 84th 2022 (13) 44.g4 b3 45.Rf5 Ra2 46.g5 b2 47.Rf6 a5 48.Rb6 Ra1 49.f4 b1Q 50.Rxb1 Rxb1 51.g6 Rg1 52.f5 Rg5 0-1 Anton Guijarro,D (2478)-6. ♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2632) 63/406 Haifa 1995 (9)]

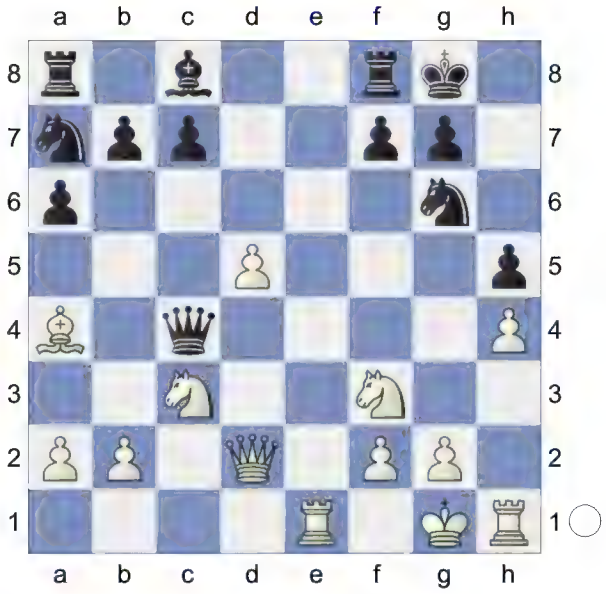
14.d5± Na7 15.Re1↑ Black is under strong pressure. **15...Ng6** 2.13/21

[15...Nf5± 0.74/19]



16.h4 h5 1.88/19

[16...Qf4± 1.43/19]



17.Ne5 1.05/21

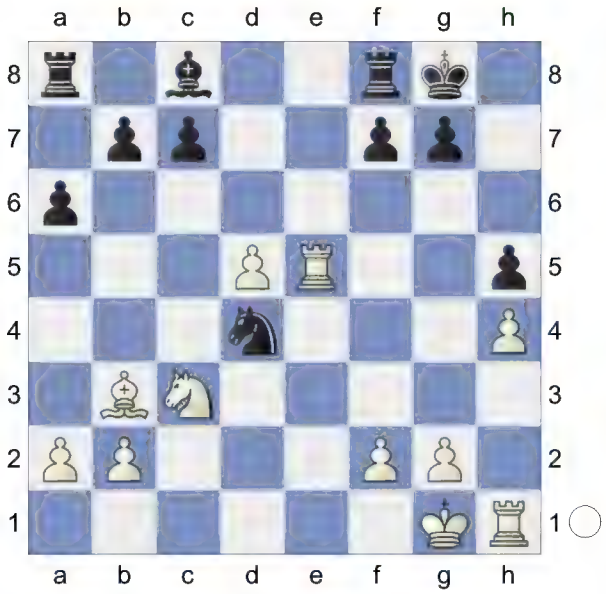
[17.Re4!+- 1.88/19 Qc5 18.Qg5]

17...Nxe5 18.Rxe5 Nb5 19.Bb3 0.18/19

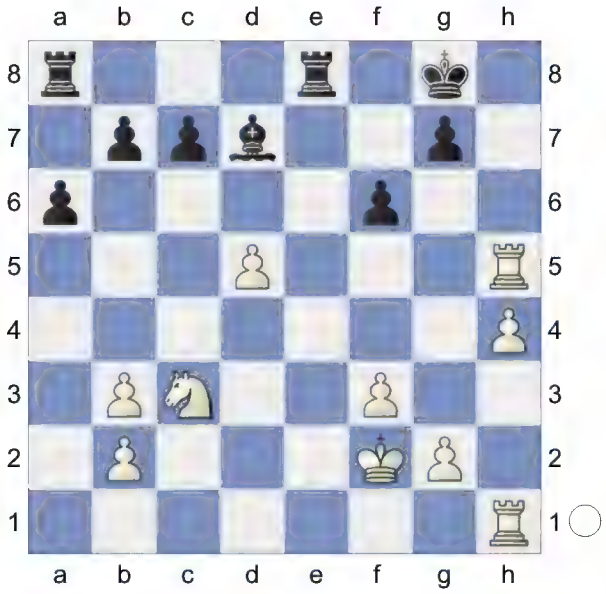
[19.Rxh5? Nxc3 20.Bc2 Ne2+ *(20...Nxa2? 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Bd3+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg8 23.Bxc4+-)* 21.Kh2 g6-+ *(21...Qf4+? 22.Qxf4 Nxf4 23.Re5-+)*]

[19.Nxb5± 1.23/18 Nc3 would now be deadly. axb5 20.Bb3]

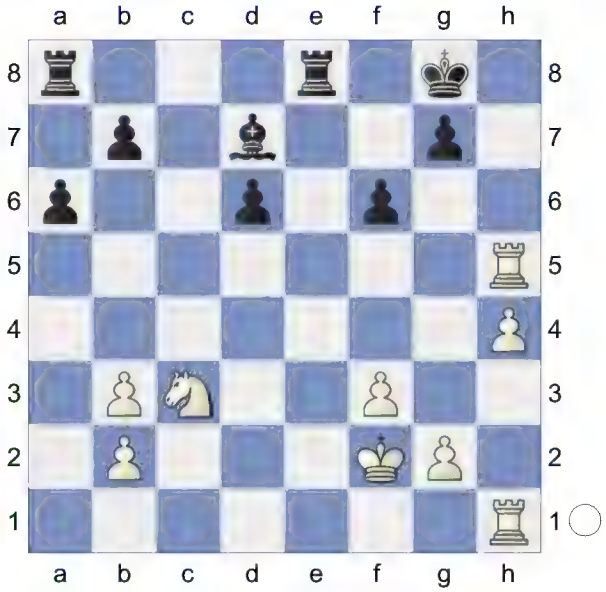
19...Qd4= 20.Qxd4 Nxd4



21.f3 Bd7 22.Kf2 Rfe8 23.Rxh5 Nxb3 24.axb3 f6



Strongly threatening ...g6. **25.d6! cxd6**

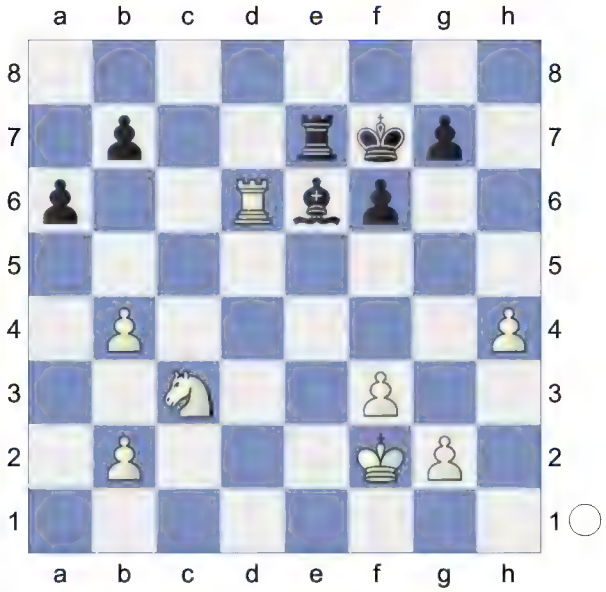


26.Rd5 Be6 27.Rxd6 Rad8 28.Rhd1 White is more active. **28...Rxd6 29.Rxd6±** Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **29...Kf7** 1.94/23

[29...Bxb3± 0.60/19 30.Rb6 Bf7]

30.b4 Re7 2.40/18

[⌓30...Ke7 1.85/20 31.Rb6 Bc8]



31.Rd4 Rc7 32.g4 1.14/19

[White should play 32.Ke3+- 1.70/21]

32...g6 2.37/20

[32...Bd7± 1.14/19 was called for.

33.h5 Bc6]
33.Ke3 Ke7 Prevents Rd6. **34.Ne4** 0.43/19
[34.h5+- 1.78/18]
34...Rc2 35.Nc5 Rxb2? 5.01/23
[35...b6± 0.81/21 is more resistant.
36.Na4 *(36.Nxa6 Bd7=)* 36...g5]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.42
36.Re4
[Weaker is 36.Nxb7 Rb1±]

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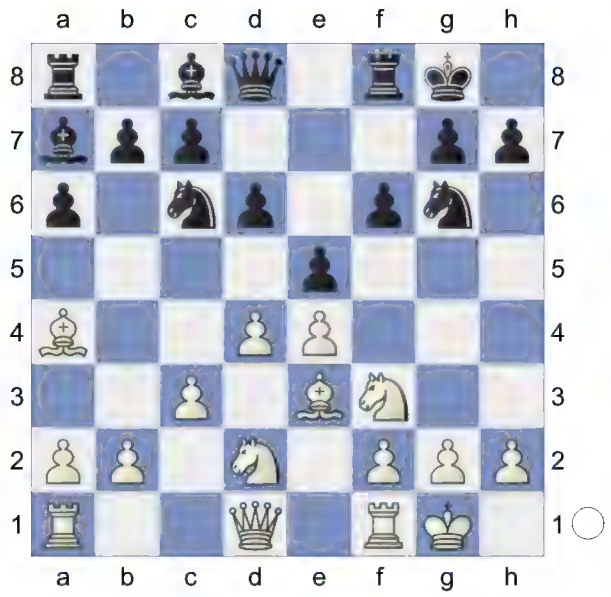
4 **C70**
□ **vistagusta** **2844**
■ **EvilGenius94** **2892**
Blitz 04.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

6.0-0 Ba7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Nbd2 d6

(Diagram)



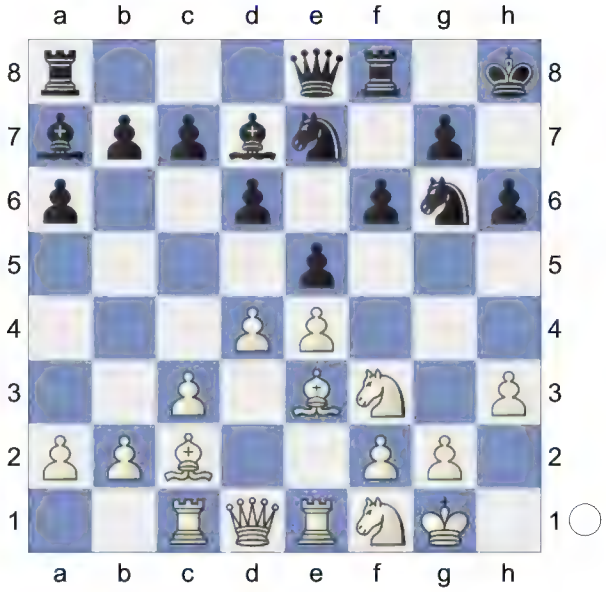
11.Re1 Kh8 12.h3 h6N

[12...Bd7 13.Rc1 *(13.Nf1 Nce7 14.Bc2 exd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.Ng3 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Bc6 19.Qb3 Bd5 20.Qc2 Qd7 21.Rac1 c6 22.Bxd5 Nxd5 23.Ne4 Rae8 24.Nc5 Qf7 25.Qf5 Ngf4 26.Ng5 Qg6 27.Qxg6 hxg6* 0-1 10.♗a3 b6 1 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5 1525 (2747)-Ernst,H (2745) K0012 www.desc-online.de 1999 (3) *)* 13...Qe8 14.Bc2 a5 15.Nf1 b5 16.Ng3 a4 17.Nf5 Nd8 18.d5 Nf7 19.b3 Nf4 20.Bxa7 Rxa7 21.Kh2 g6 22.Ne3 axb3 23.axb3 Qc8 24.Ng1 Qb7 25.g3 Nh5 26.Bd3 Ra2 27.Rc2 ½-½ (37) Bc5 (1902)-Dragon - 9...d5 - Part 3 (2405) 64/153 Budapest 1995 (4) Rfa8 28.Rxa2 Rxa2 29.Re2 Ra3 30.Rb2 b4 31.Qd2 bxc3 32.Qxc3 Qa7 33.Rc2 Be8 34.Qxc7 Qxc7 35.Rxc7 Rxb3 36.Bc2 Rb8 37.Bd1 ½-½ Zafirakos,J (1902)-Bjelobrk,I (2405) Oceania zt 3. 6 2023 (4)]

[12...f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.dxe5 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Ncxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Bc2 Qf6 18.Bxf5 Qxf5 19.Qe2 Rf7 20.f4 Ng6 21.Rf1 Nxf4 22.Rxf4 Qxf4 23.Rf3 Raf8 24.Rxf4 Rxf4 25.Nf3 R4f7 26.Kh2 h6 27.Qe4 1-0 (28) Tsaruk,M (2450)-Dubnevych, M (2267) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (9)]

13.Rc1 Bd7 14.Bc2 Qe8 15.Nf1 Nce7 0.73/17

[15...f5!± 0.37/21]



16.Ng3± a5 17.c4 Nf4 1.63/18

[17...Nc6± 0.58/17]

18.Qd2 0.70/18

[18.Bxf4+- 1.63/18 Black must now prevent Be3. exf4 19.Nf5]

18...g5 1.23/17

[18...Ne6± 0.70/18]

19.c5

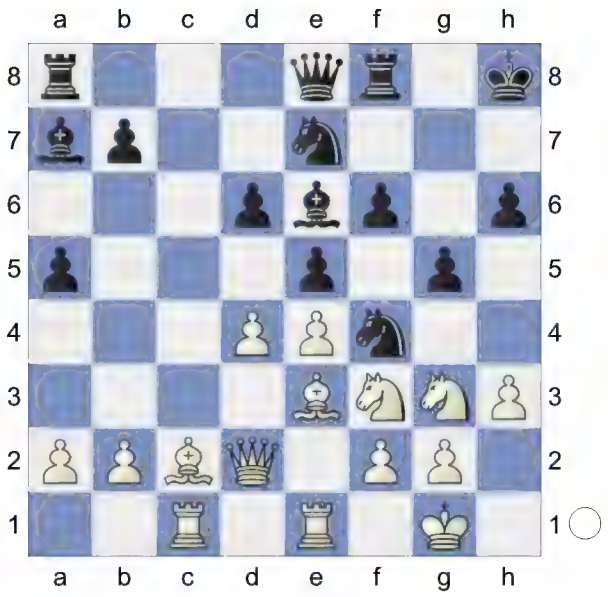
[19.Qxa5 exd4 20.Bxf4 gxf4=]

19...Be6 20.cxd6

[20.Qxa5 b6 21.cxb6 Bxb6±]

20...cxd6

(Diagram)



21.d5 0.72/18
[21.Qxa5 Bxd4 22.Qd2 *(22.Qb4 Nc6=)* 22...Bxb2∓ *(22...Rxa2? 23.Nxd4* Overworked Piece *exd4 24.Bxf4+-)*]
[21.Bb3 1.15/18]
21...Bd7 22.Bxa7
[22.Qxa5? Bxe3 23.Qb4 Bxc1 24.Rxc1 Qb8-+ *(24...Rxa2? 25.Qxd6 Neg6 26.Bb3-+)*]
22...Rxa7 23.Qe3 Ra6 0.84/18
[23...Qb8± 0.43/18]
24.Bd3 Ra8 25.Bf1
[25.Rc7 seems wilder. f5 26.Qb6 Nxd3 27.Qxd6 Ra6 28.Qxd7 Nxe1 29.Qxe7 Qxe7 30.Rxe7 Nxf3+ 31.gxf3 fxe4 32.fxe4 Rb6 33.b3]
25...Qd8

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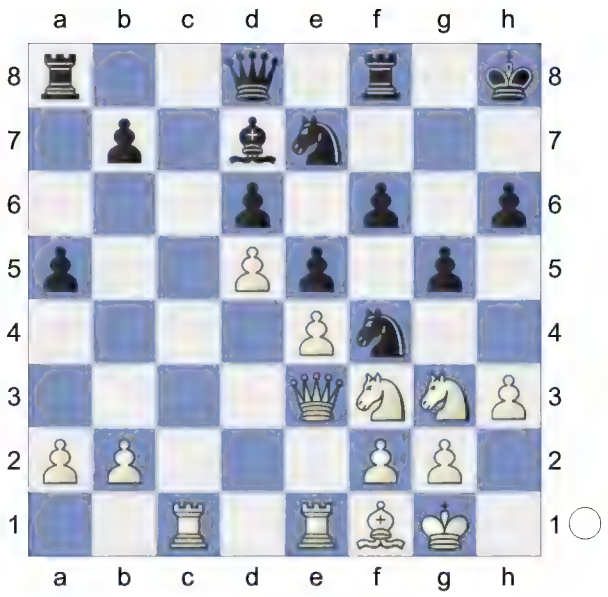
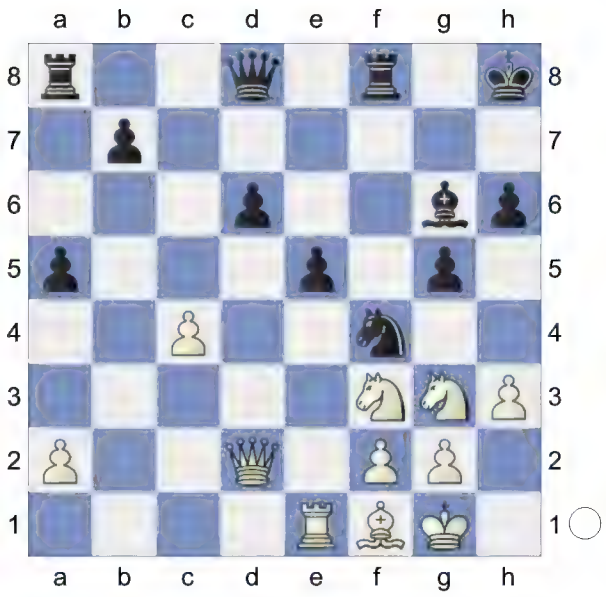
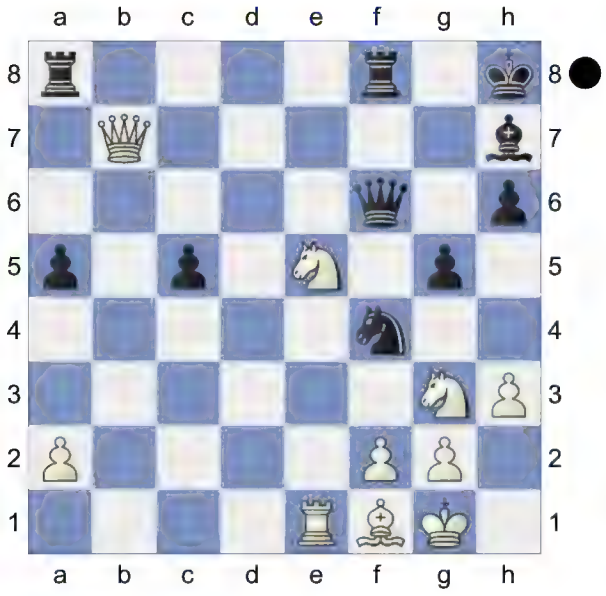


Repels Qb6 **26.Rc3** 0.18/18
[Better is 26.Nd2± 0.82/18]
26...f5= 27.exf5 -0.80/20
[27.Qd2± 0.37/19 stays ahead.]
27...Nexd5∓ Black is more active.
28.Qd2 Nxc3
[28...Bxf5?! 29.Nxf5 Nxc3 30.Nxh6= *(30.Nxd6 Ncd5=)*]
29.bxc3 -1.47/19
[White must play 29.Qxd6 -0.72/19 Rf6 *(29...Bxf5? 30.Qxh6+ Bh7 31.Nxg5+-)* 30.Qxe5]
29...Bxf5 30.c4 -2.76/20
[30.Nxf5∓ -1.35/17 Rxf5 31.Nh2]
30...Bg6-+

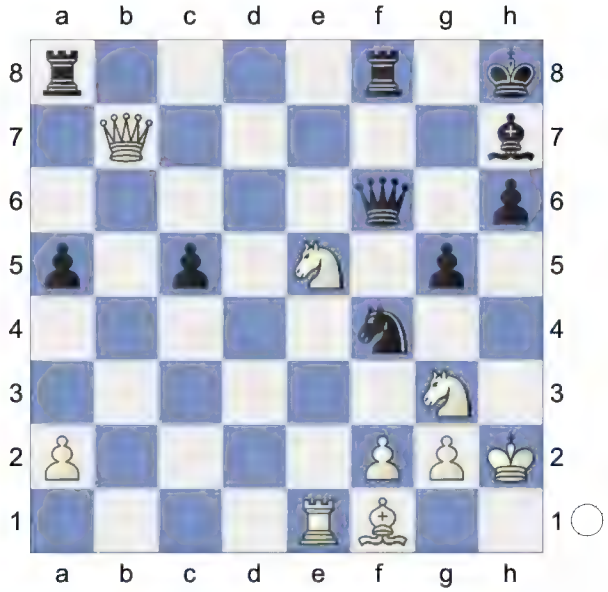
(Diagram)



31.c5 dxc5 32.Qb2 Qf6 33.Nxe5 Bh7? -0.64/16
[33...b6-+ -2.20/18 34.Nxg6+ Nxg6]
34.Qxb7∓

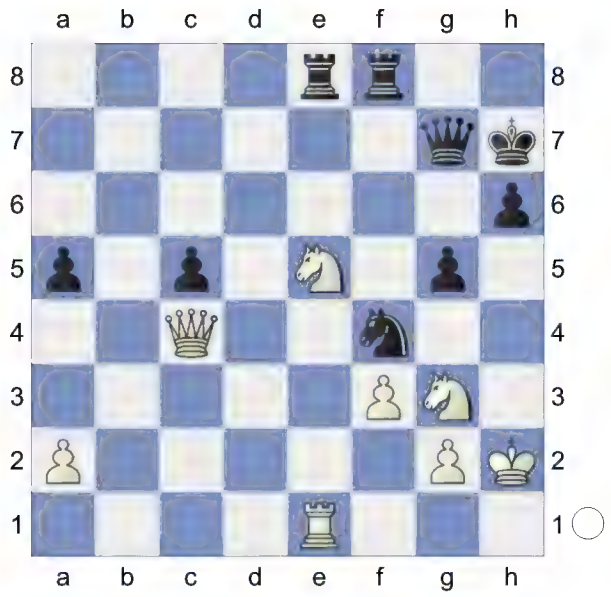


Nxh3+! Discovered Attack, Double Attack **35.Kh2 Nf4** -0.30/18
[35...Qxf2? 36.Bd3 *(36.Re2 Qf4∓)* 36...Bxd3 *(36...Qxe1 37.Qxh7#)* 37.Nh5+-]
[35...Nxf2? 36.Nh5 Rab8 37.Qxb8 Rxb8 38.Nxf6+-]
[35...Rab8!∓ -0.72/20 36.Qa7 Ra8 *(36...Nxf2 37.Nh5±; 36...Qxf2 37.Nh5=)* 37.Qxc5 Rac8 *(37...Qxf2? 38.Qc3+-; 37...Nxf2 38.Nh5±)*]



Prevents Nh5 **36.Bc4!=** **Bg8** 0.13/20 Repels Nf7+
[36...Rab8 -0.30/21 37.Qa7 Bg8 38.Bxg8 Kxg8 39.Qxc5 Rbc8 40.Qxa5 Qe6]
37.Bxg8 -0.78/18
[37.Nd7= 0.13/20 Qg6 38.Nxf8 Rxf8 39.Bxg8 Kxg8 40.f3]
37...Kxg8∓ 38.f3? -3.44/18
[38.Nd7∓ -0.78/19 Qf7 39.Rb1]
38...Qg7? -1.37/17
[38...Rab8-+ -3.44/18 39.Qd7 Rbd8 *(39...Rb2? 40.Kh1-+)*]
39.Qb5 Rae8 40.Qc4+ Kh7

(Diagram)



41.Qxc5 -2.27/17
[41.Qc2+∓ -1.29/18 Kh8 42.Qxc5]
41...Re6 -1.17/19
[41...h5!-+ -2.27/17 and ...Re6 should not be overlooked 42.Qc2+ Kh8]
42.Qc2+ -2.17/21
[42.Re4∓ -1.17/19 is a better defense.]
42...Kg8 -0.95/20
[42...Kh8!-+ -2.17/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 43.Qc3 h5]
43.Qc4 Rfe8! 44.Ng4? -3.65/17
[44.Re4∓ -1.20/17]

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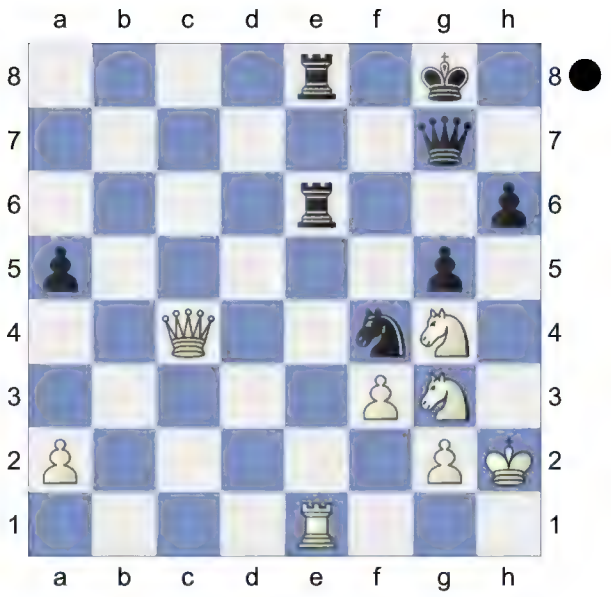
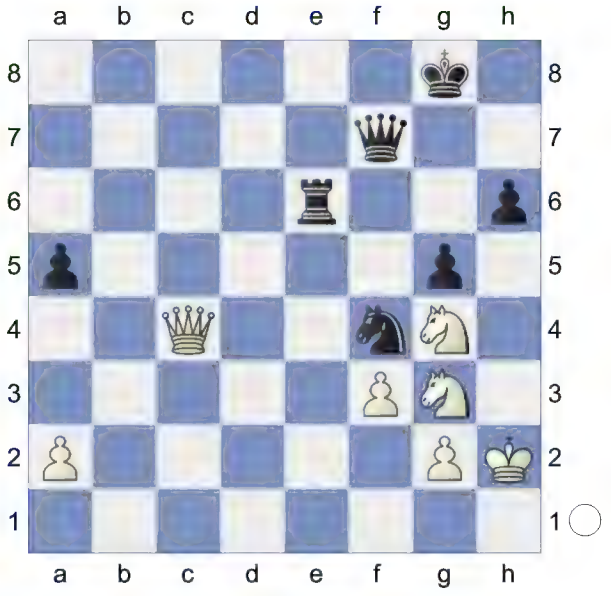


44...Qf7? -0.04/18
[Black should try 44...Qb2!-+ -3.65/17 45.Rg1 *(45.Nxh6+? Kh7-+)* 45...h5 46.Nh6+ Kh7]
45.Rxe6 -0.76/19
[45.Re5= -0.04/18 remains equal.]
45...Rxe6



46.Qc8+ -1.03/21
[46.Ne4∓ -0.59/18 was preferable.]

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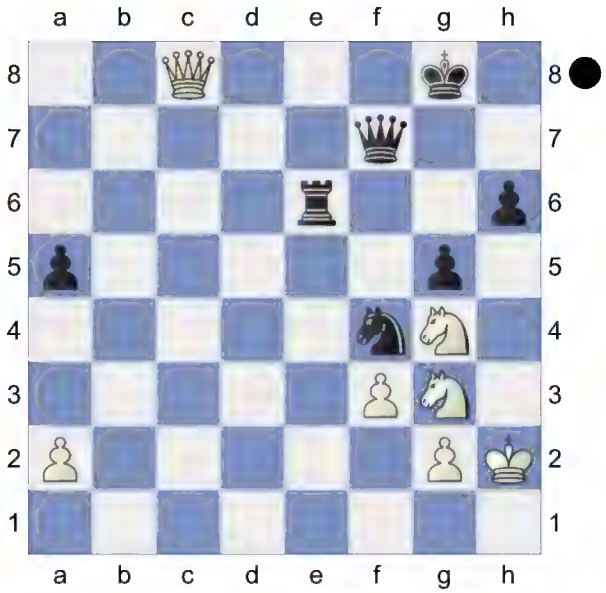
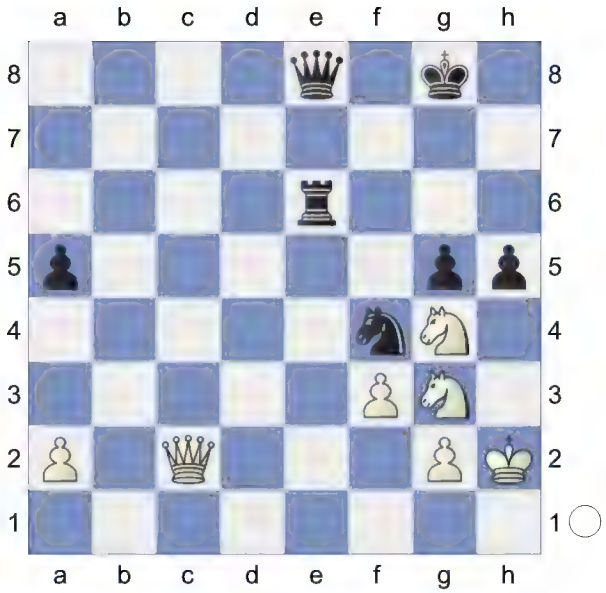
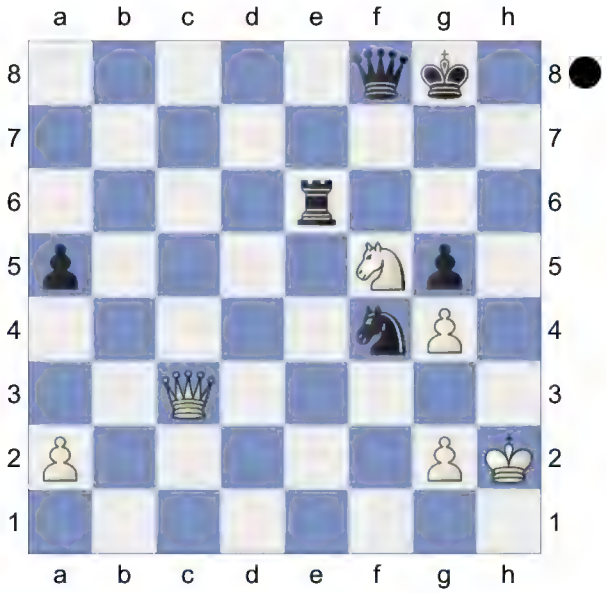


46...Kh7 -0.60/17
[46...Qf8!∓ -1.03/21 47.Qc7 h5]
47.Qc2+∓ Kg7 -0.16/21
[47...Kg8∓ -0.71/19 Black wants to play ...h5. 48.Ne4 Nh5]
48.Qc3+ Kg8 49.Qc8+ -0.84/19
[49.Qxa5= -0.28/16 Kh7 50.Qc3]
49...Qe8? 4.98/24
[49...Qf8∓ -0.84/19 stays on course. 50.Qc4 Qb8 51.Nxh6+ Kh7]
50.Qc2 -2.14/18
[50.Nf6+!+- 4.98/24 was the only winning move. Rxf6 51.Qxe8+ Rf8 52.Qe5]
50...h5-+

(Diagram)



51.Nf5? -6.72/18
[51.Nf2 -1.88/14]
51...hxg4 52.Qc3 Qf8 -7.41/18
Prevents Qg7+.
[52...Qh5+ -#8/18 53.Kg1 Ne2+ 54.Kf2 Nxc3 55.Ng3 Qh4 *(55...Nd1+* is a self mate. *56.Kf1 Qh4 57.fxg4 Qxg3 58.Kg1 Re1#)* 56.fxg4 Nd1+ Deflection *(56...Nxa2 57.Kf3 Nc3 58.Nf5 Qe1 59.Nh6+ Rxh6 60.g3 Qe2#)* 57.Kg1 Qxg3 58.Kh1 Re1#]
53.fxg4



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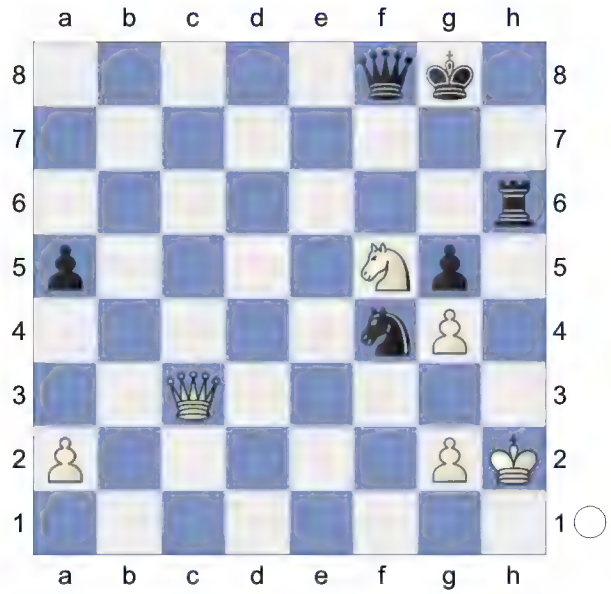
53...Rh6+!



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5 **C70**

□ **Herushkanamura** **2987**

■ **elconceto** **2884**

Blitz 02.05.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

(Diagram)

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3

White is slightly better. **8...d5 9.exd5**

Pin **9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qxd5**

(Diagram)

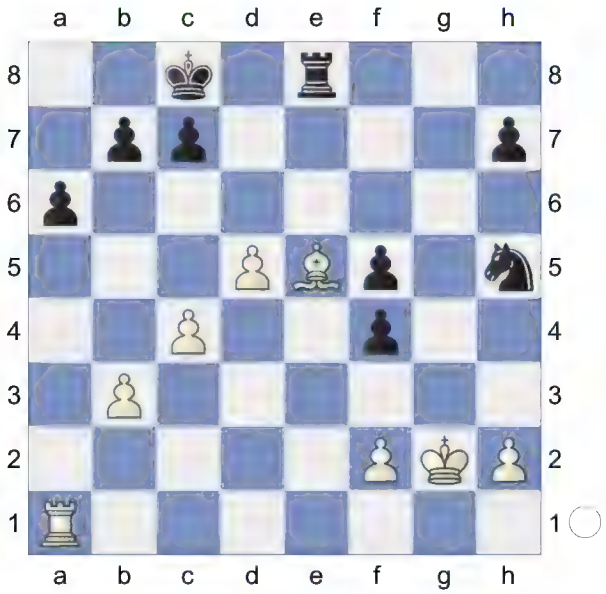
11.0-0 Bg4 12.Re1N
[12.Bxc6+ Qxc6
A) 13.Re1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 15.Ba3 *(15.d5 Qg6+ 16.Kh1 Qf5 17.c4 Rhe8 18.Rg1 Rad8 19.Be3 Kc8 20.Rxg7 Ng6* (21) Schnellstarter Kapitel-6B | 6. d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.exd5 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*)* 15...Rhe8 16.d5 Qg6+ 17.Kh1 Nf5 Line 3 5.c3 Nge7 6.d4-8.Nc3 2022;
B) 13.Ba3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 (15) Schnellstarter Kapitel-QS | 6B | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.e Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]
12...0-0-0 13.Bb3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qxf3 15.gxf3 Nd5

(Diagram)

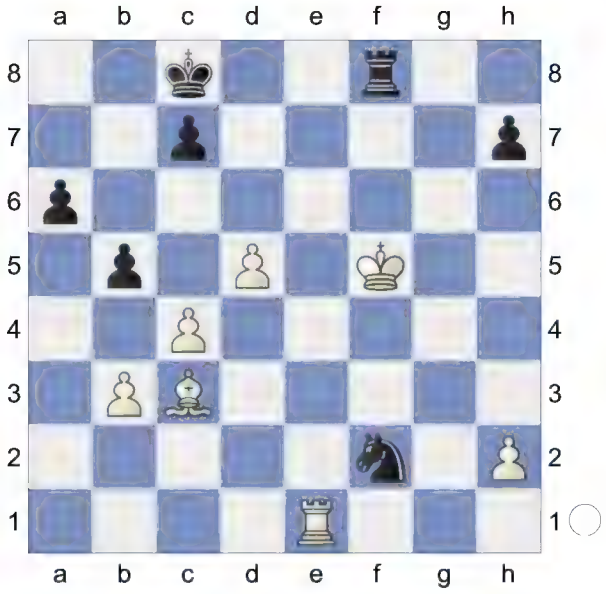
16.Bd2 Na5 17.c4! Nxb3 18.axb3 Nf6 19.d5 Rde8 20.Bc3 Nh5 0.57/23
[20...Rxe1+= -0.10/20 21.Rxe1 Re8]

21.Re4± f5 0.94/23
[21...Rd8± 0.48/25 feels stronger.]
22.Re5 0.00/27 White is much more active.
[White should play 22.Rh4± 0.94/23 Nf6 23.Rf4]
22...Rxe5!= 23.Bxe5 Endgame KRB-KRN **23...Re8 24.f4 g5 25.Kg2 gxf4** 1.06/24

[25...Nxf4+= 0.00/27 keeps the balance. 26.Bxf4 gxf4]



26.Re1 0.00/33
[26.Bc3!± 1.06/24]
26...Nf6 27.Kf3 Ng4 28.Kxf4 Nxf2 29.Kxf5 b5 30.Bc3 Rf8+



31.Ke6 Nd3 32.Ra1 Rf3 33.Bd4 Inhibits Nc5+. **33...Nf4+ 34.Ke5 Ng6+ 35.Ke4 Rxb3**

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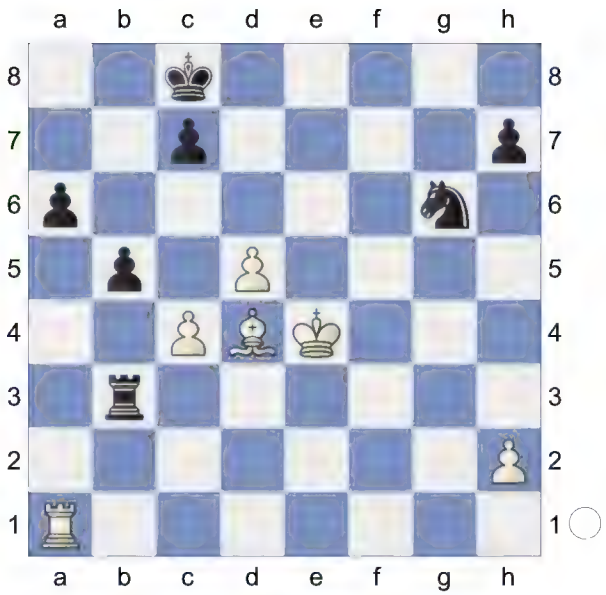
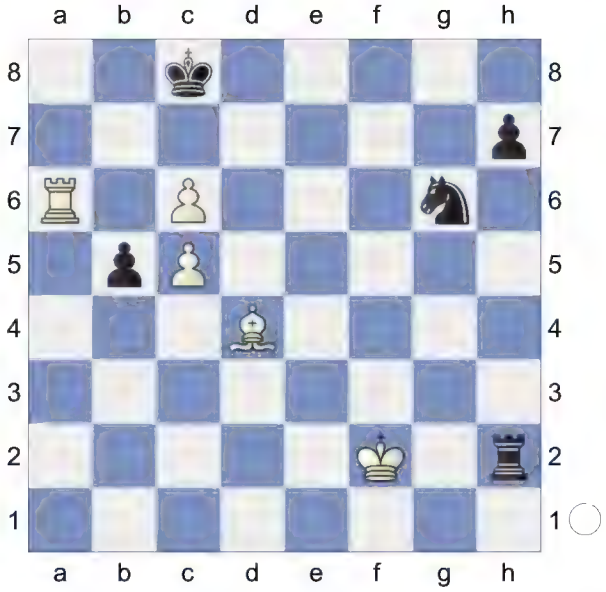


36.c5 c6 37.dxc6 Rh3 38.Rxa6 Rh4+ 39.Ke3 Rh3+ 40.Kf2 Rxh2+



41.Kg3 Rd2 42.Be3 Rd3 43.Kf2 Kc7 44.Ra7+ Kxc6 45.Rxh7 Strongly threatening Rh6. **45...Ne5**

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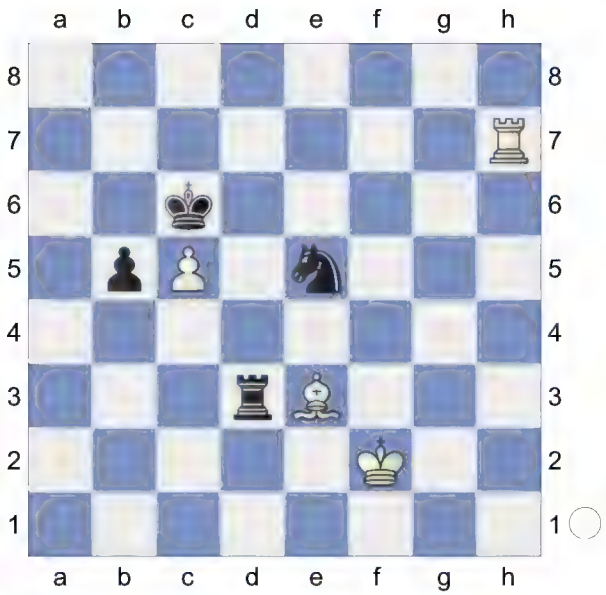
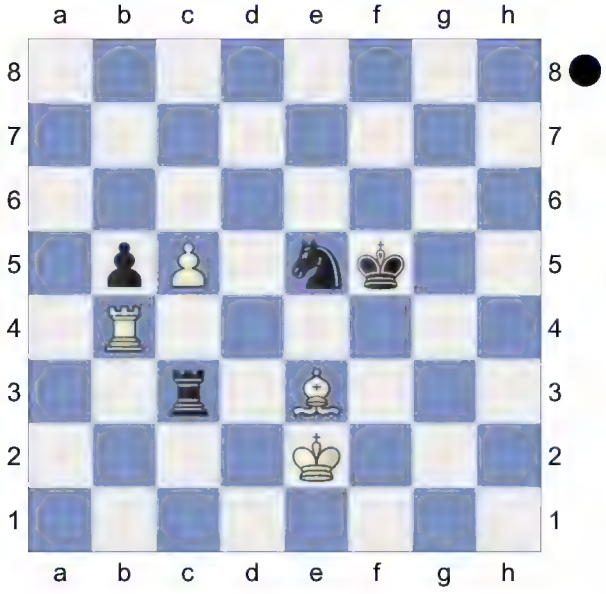


and ...Ng4+ should not be overlooked
46.Rh6+ Kd5 47.Ke2 -6.24/29
[47.Rh5= -0.01/22]
47...Rc3? 0.00/31
[47...Rxe3+!-+ -6.24/29 48.Kd2 Nc4+ 49.Kd1 Kxc5 50.Rh5+ Re5]
48.Rd6+ The position is equal. **48...Ke4 49.Rd4+ Kf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
50.Rb4



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6 **C70**
□ **Charles-Ingalls** **2844**
■ **MothAndTheFlame** **2882**
Blitz 03.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0 10.d5 Nce7**

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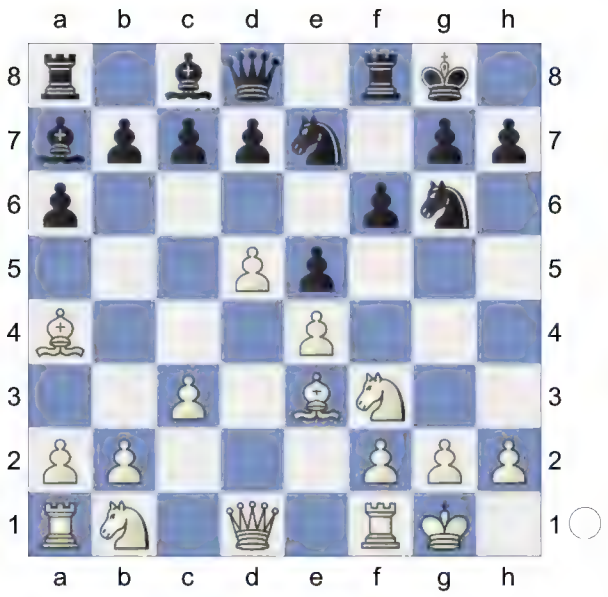

11.d6 cxd6 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Qxd6 b5 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.a4 Rc7N 0.40/18
[15...Rb7!∓ -0.35/20 16.axb5 *(16.Na3 Rb6 17.Qd2 f5 18.Rad1 fxe4 19.Ng5 d5 20.Nxe4 Nf4 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Qe3 bxa4 23.Ba2 Bg4 24.Ng3 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Neg6* 0-1 Freitag,M (2340)-Ivanisevic,I (2519) AUT-chT 2425 2024 (1.6)) 16...Rb6 17.Qd1 axb5 18.Nbd2 Bb7 19.c4 f5 20.Bc2 fxe4 21.Ng5 Nf5 22.Ngxe4 Nf4 23.Nf3 bxc4 24.Nxe5 Nd4 25.Re1 Nxc2 26.Qxc2 Re6 27.Qc3 Qe7 28.Ra5 d6 29.Ng5 Rxe5 30.Raxe5 dxe5 0-1 (32) Tari,A (2625)-Van Foreest,J (2671) Tata Steel 83rd 2021 (7)]

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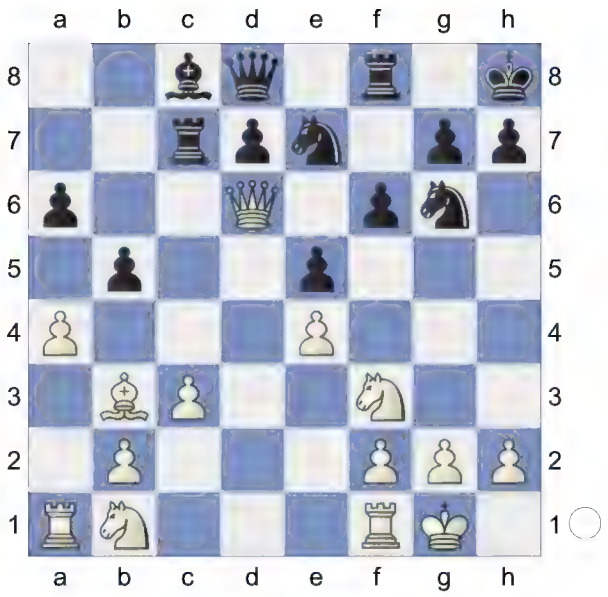
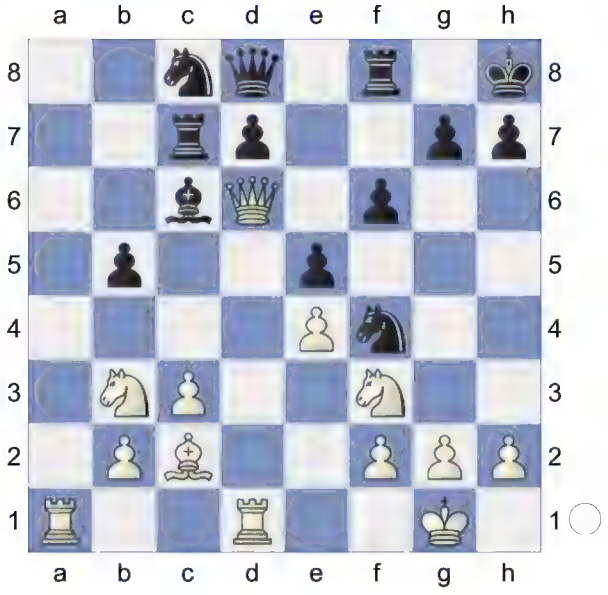
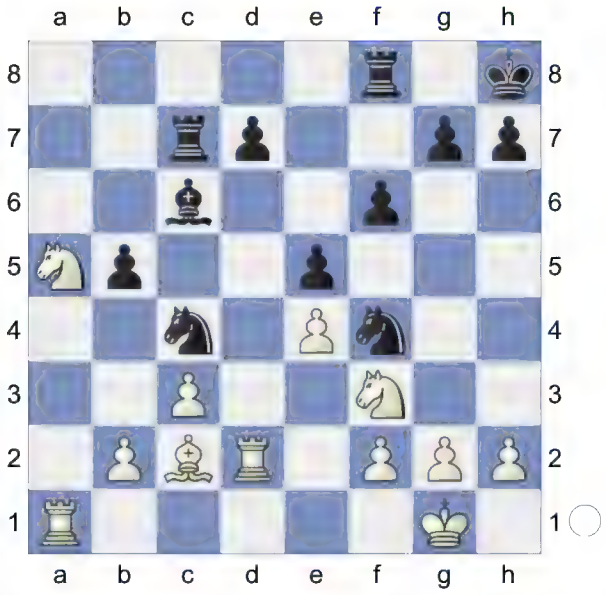


16.axb5± axb5 17.Rd1↑ White is pushing. **17...Bb7** Against Ra8 **18.Nbd2 Bc6 19.Bc2 Nf4 20.Nb3** 0.01/17
[20.g3± 0.39/19 Ne6 21.Ne1]
20...Nc8=



21.Qb4 Qe7 0.43/19
[21...d6= -0.03/19]
22.Qxe7± Nxe7 23.Rd6 -0.21/19
[23.Nc5± 0.46/17]
23...Nc8 0.21/20
[23...b4 -0.21/19 deserves consideration. 24.g3 *(24.cxb4 Rb8=)* 24...Nfg6]

24.Rd2 -0.27/16
[⌓24.Rdd1! 0.21/20]
24...Nb6= 25.Na5 -0.72/22
[25.Rdd1= -0.28/19]
25...Nc4 -0.15/22
[25...Ra8∓ -0.72/22 aiming for ...Nc4. 26.g3 Ne6]



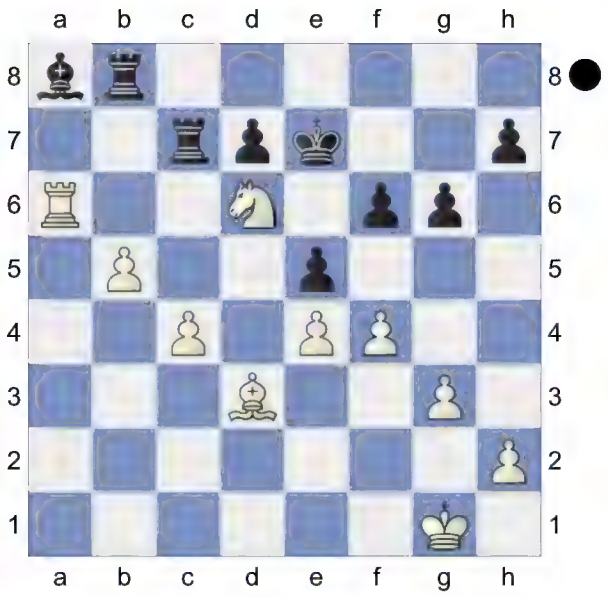
26.Nxc4 bxc4 27.g3 Ne6 With the idea ...Rb7. **28.Rd6** -0.99/22
[28.Re2= -0.17/20]
28...Nc5!∓ 29.Nd2 -1.59/20
[⌓29.Ne1 -0.97/21]
29...Nb7! 30.Nxc4 Nxd6

(Diagram)

31.Nxd6 Rb8 -0.64/18
[31...Ra8-+ -1.91/20 32.Rd1 Ra2]
32.b4∓ g6 -0.06/24
[32...Kg8!∓ -0.58/22]
33.Bd3!= Kg7 34.b5 -0.70/23
[White should play 34.c4!= -0.06/24]
34...Ba8∓ 35.c4 Kf8

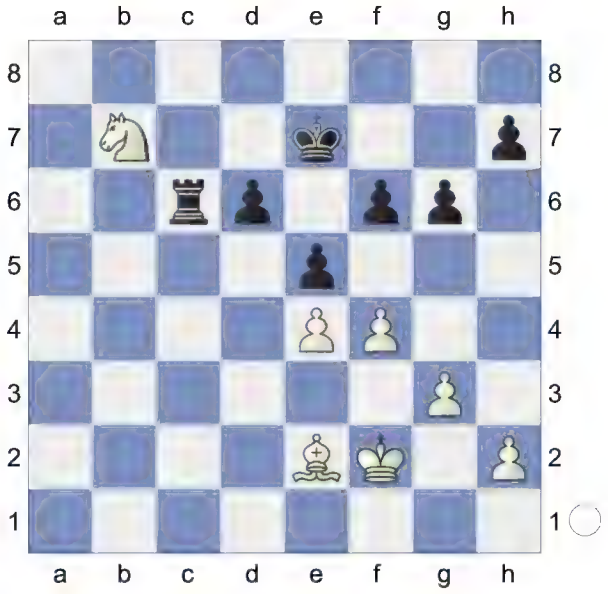
36.Ra6 Ke7 37.f4 -1.03/19
[37.h4∓ -0.38/23]

(Diagram)



37...Bc6 -0.61/20
[Black should play 37...Rc5!∓ -1.03/19]
38.c5 -1.93/26
[38.b6!∓ -0.61/20 Rxb6 39.Nc8+ Rxc8 40.Rxb6]
38...Ba8-+ Discovered Attack **39.b6?** -4.24/22
[39.Kf2 -2.29/18]
39...Rxc5 40.b7 Bxb7

41.Rb6 Rc7 42.Kf2 Rc3 43.Be2 Rc6? -0.06/14
[43...Rc7 44.h4-+]
[43...Ra8-+ -3.58/22 44.Nxb7 *(44.Nb5? Rc2-+)* 44...Ra2]
44.Rxb7= Rxb7 45.Nxb7 d6



46.fxe5 fxe5 47.Ke3? -1.69/25
[47.Na5= 0.06/24 and White is okay. Rc5 48.Nc4]

47...Rc3+!-+ 48.Bd3? -5.40/24
[48.Kf2∓ -1.52/22 is tougher.]
48...Ra3 49.Ke2 Ra7
[49...Ra2+ 50.Ke3-+]
50.Bc4 Rxb7

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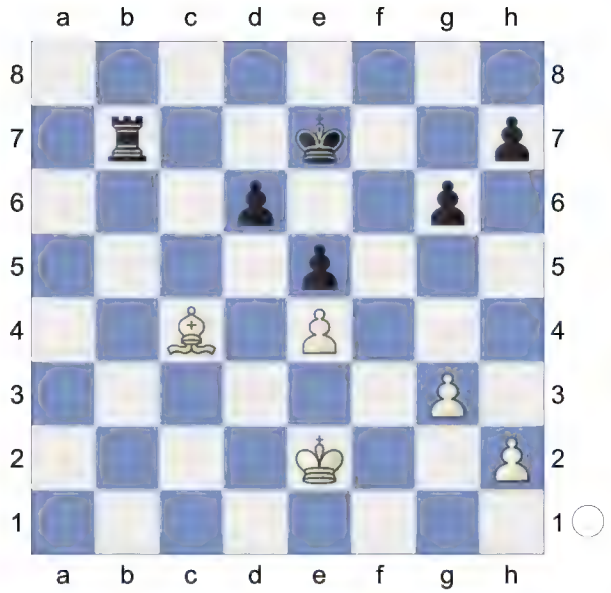
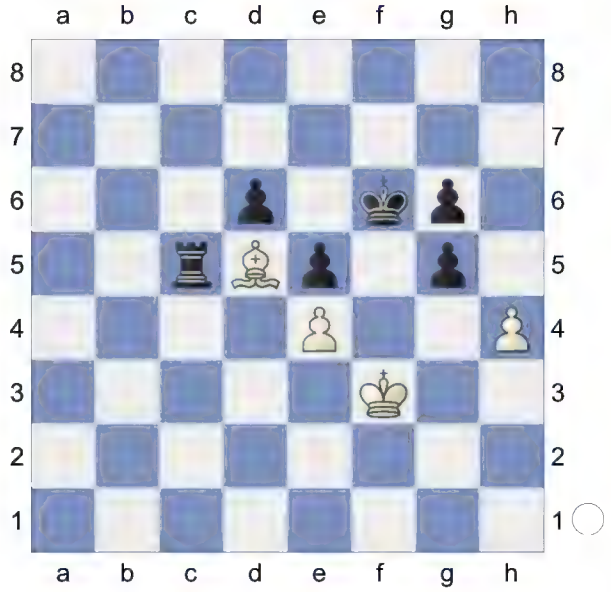


Endgame KR-KB **51.Bd5 Rc7 52.Kf3 Rc5 53.h4 Kf6 54.g4 h6 55.g5+ hxg5**



56.hxg5+ Kxg5 (-> ...Rxd5!) **57.Ke3**

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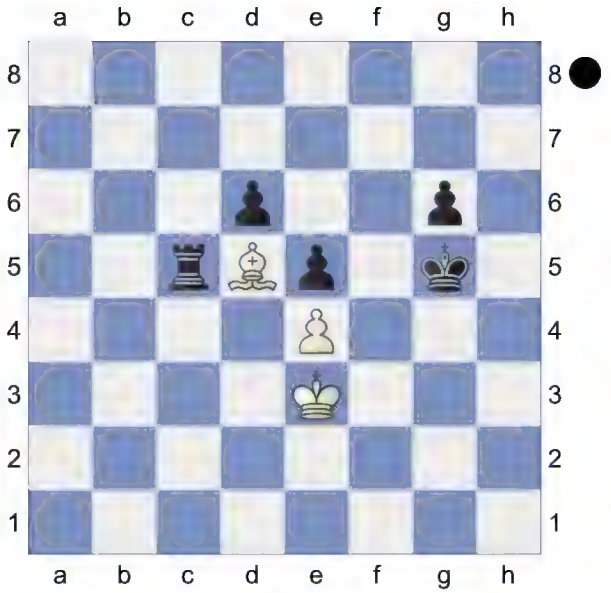
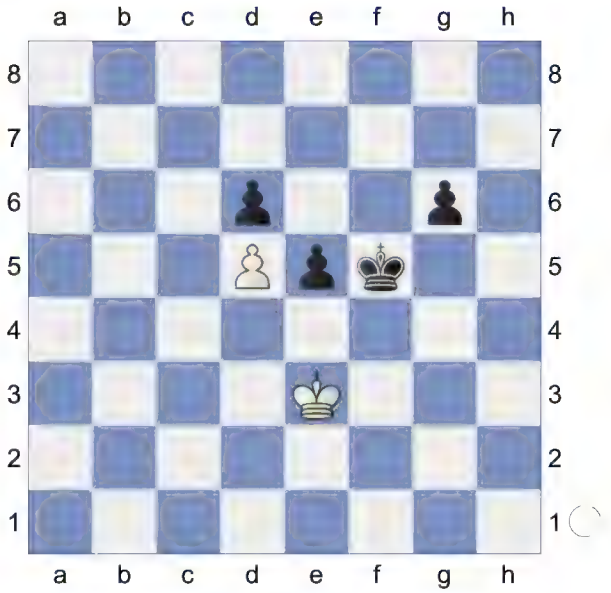


Rxd5! 58.exd5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.40

58...Kf5



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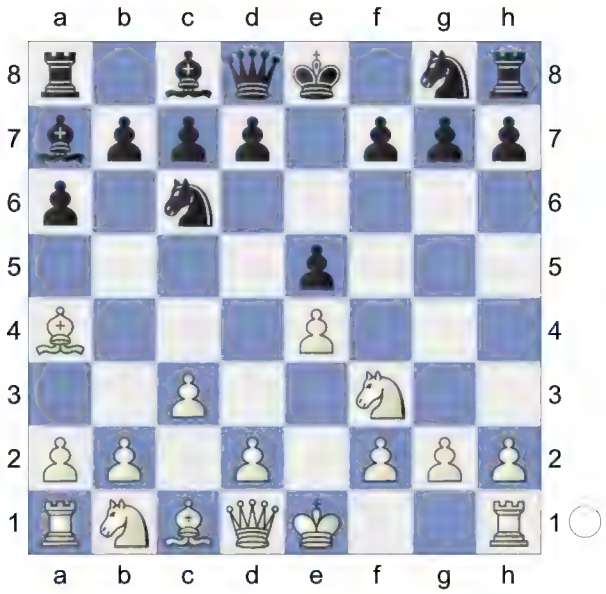
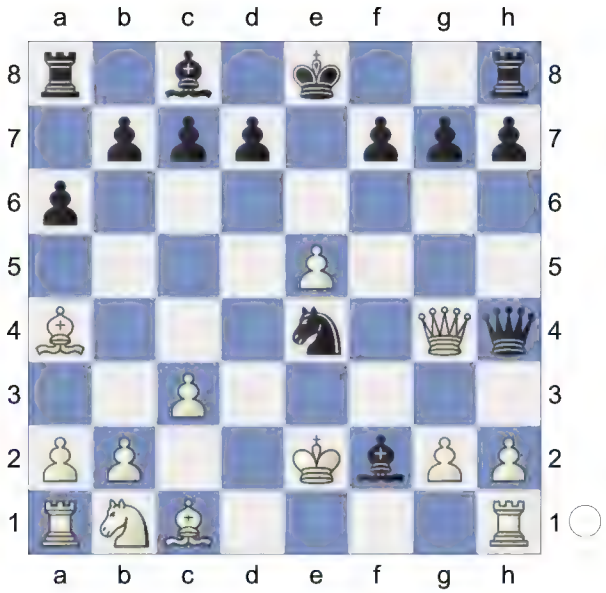
7 **C70**
□ **SGM_UltrABulleT** **3113**
■ **expositor** **2882**
Rapid 17.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 7min+2sec
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Ba7

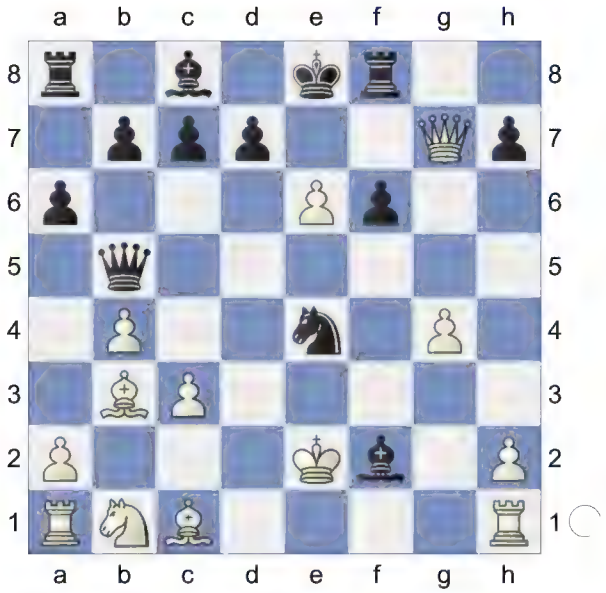


6.d4 Nf6 7.Nxe5 0.19/22
[7.0-0± 0.58/21]
7...Nxe5= 8.dxe5 Nxe4 9.Qg4 Prevents Qh4. **9...Bxf2+**
[9...Nxf2? 10.Qxg7 Rf8 *(10...Nd3+? 11.Kd2+-)* 11.Bg5+-]
10.Ke2! Qh4

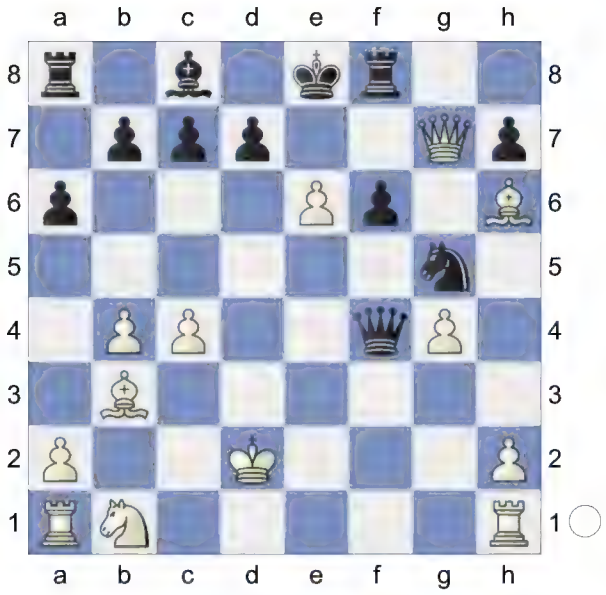
(Diagram)



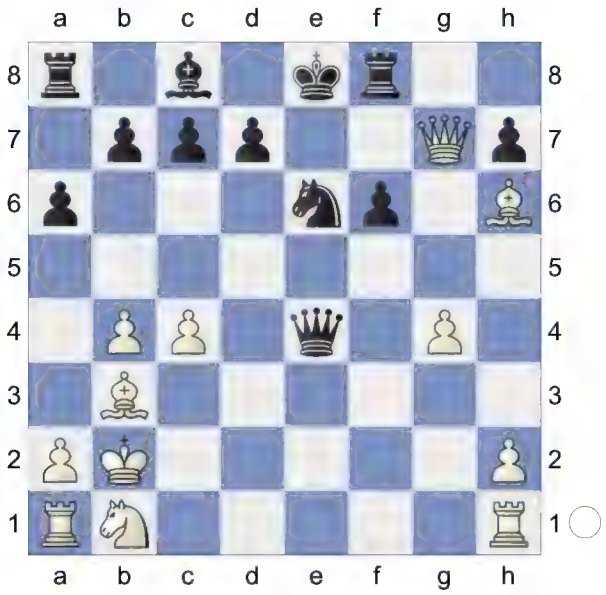
11.Qxg7 Rf8 12.b4 Prevents Bc5
12...f6N 13.e6! White is more active.
13...Qh5+ 14.g4 Really sharp! **14...Qd5 15.Bb3 Qb5+**



16.c4 Qe5
[16...Qxb4? 17.Ba3+- *(17.Qxh7 Qb6+-; 17.exd7+ Bxd7 18.Ba3 Rf7=)*]
17.Bh6! Ng5+ 18.Kxf2 Qf4+ 19.Ke2 Qe4+
[19...Qxg4+ 20.Kd2 Ne4+ 21.Ke3 Qxg7 22.Bxg7+-]
20.Kd2 Qf4+!



21.Kd1 Qf3+ 22.Kd2 Qf4+! 23.Kc2 Qe4+ 24.Kb2 Nxe6



25.Re1! Deflection **25...Qxe1**

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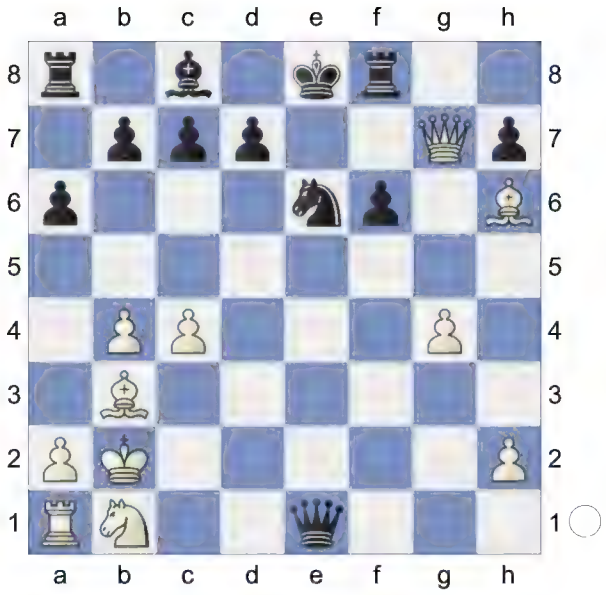


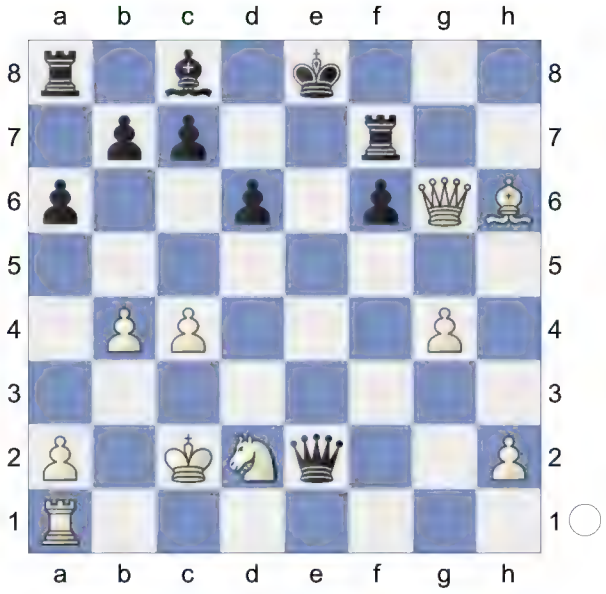
26.Qxh7 Qe2+ 27.Bc2! Nd4! 28.Nd2 Nxc2! 29.Kxc2 Rf7

[29...Qxh2 30.Re1+]

30.Qg6 White has compensation.

30...d6!

[And not 30...Qxh2 31.Re1+]



31.Rf1! Ke7

[31...Bxg4 32.Qg8+ *(32.Rxf6 0-0-0+-)* 32...Ke7 33.Qxa8±]

32.Rf4 Be6 33.Re4 Qxh2 34.Bf4!

[Don't go for 34.Rxe6+? Kxe6 35.a3 Rh8 36.Qf5+ Ke7-+]

34...Qh7 35.Qf5 Qxf5

36.gxf5

Pin **36...Rh8 37.Rxe6+ Kd8! 38.Ne4 Re7! 39.Nxf6 Rxe6 40.fxe6 Ke7!**

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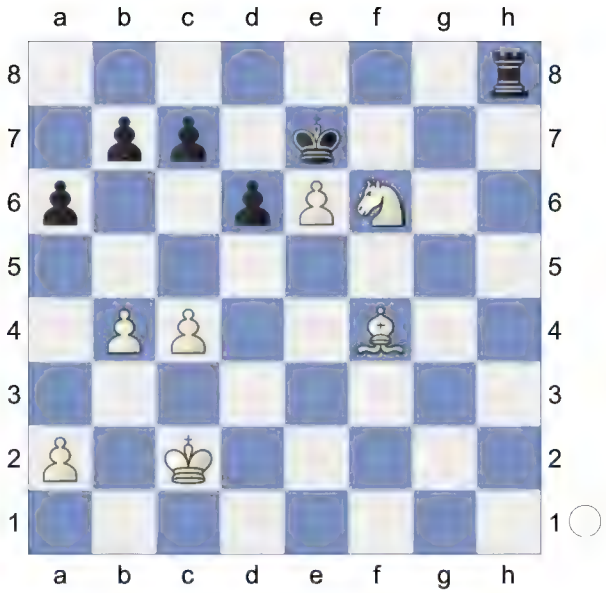
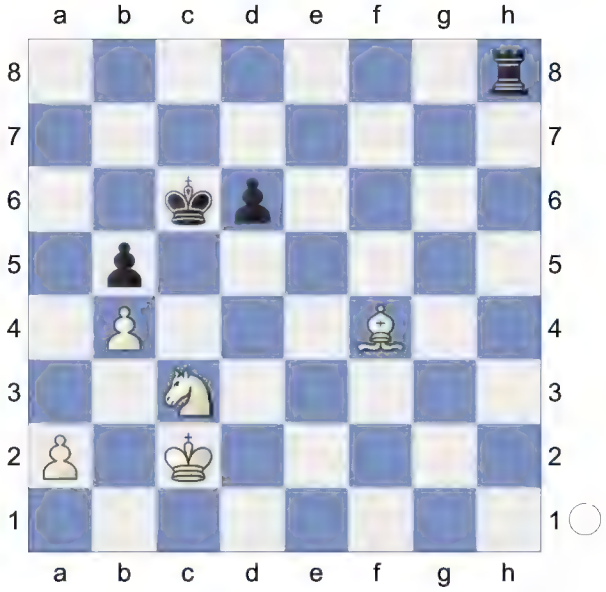


41.Nd5+ Kxe6 42.Nxc7+ Kd7 43.Nd5 b5 44.cxb5 axb5 45.Nc3 Kc6



46.Kd3 Rh7 47.Ne2 Ra7 0.64/34
[47...Kd5= 0.20/40]
48.Nc3 0.20/39
[48.Nd4+± 0.64/34 Kb6 49.Bxd6 Rxa2 50.Bc5+ Ka6 51.Nf5]
48...Rh7 The position is equal. **49.Kd4 Re7 50.Bc1 Rh7**

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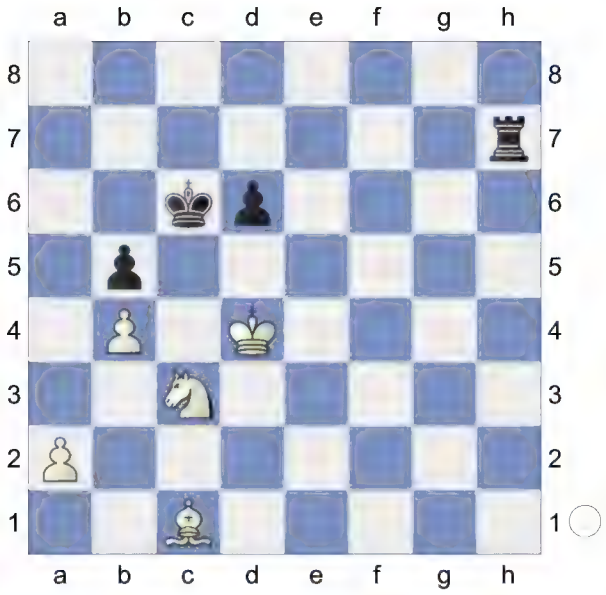

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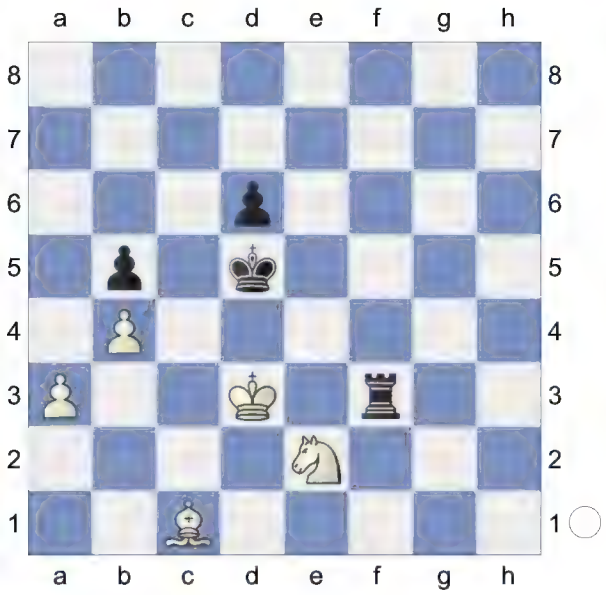

56.Be3 Rf1 57.Nc3+ Kc6 58.a4 bxa4 59.b5+ Kb7 60.Nxa4 Rf3

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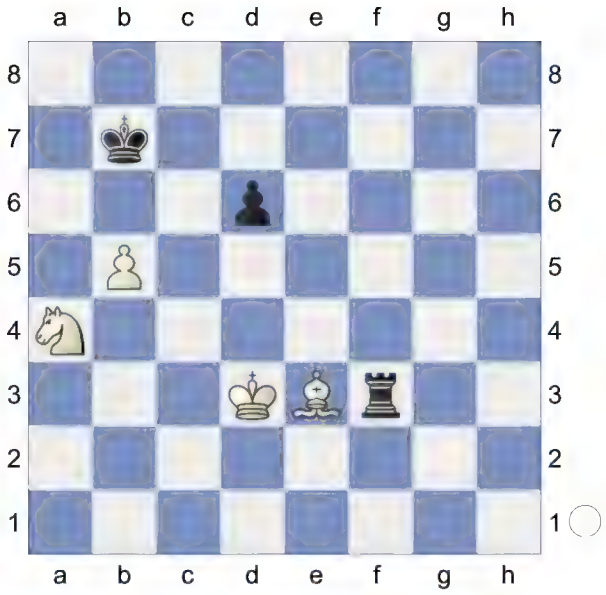
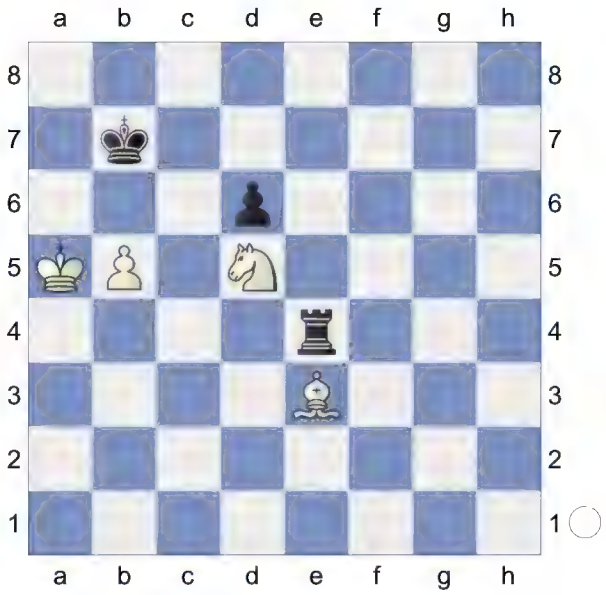


61.Nc3 Rh3 62.Nd5 Kc8 63.Kc3 Kb7 64.Kb4 Rh4+ 65.Ka5 Re4



aiming for ...Re5. **66.Bh6 Re1 67.Nc3 Ra1+ 68.Kb4 Rh1 69.Bf8 Rh4+ 70.Ka5 Rc4**

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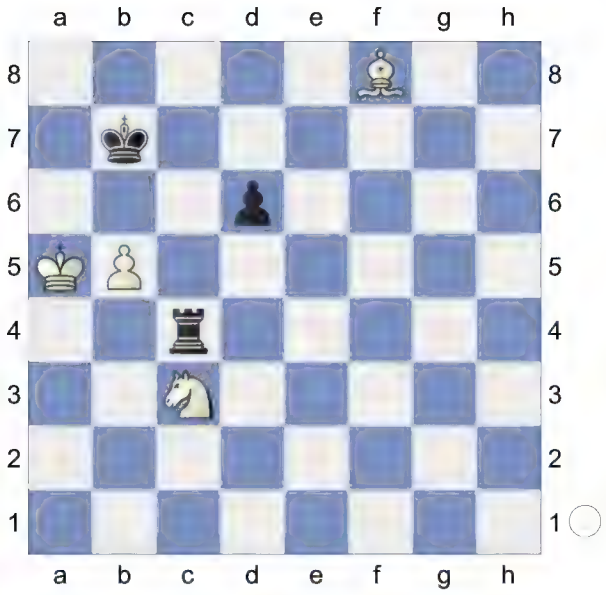
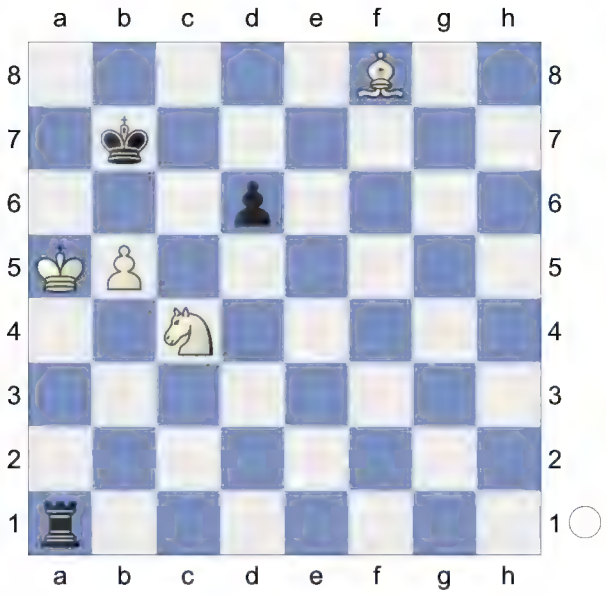


71.Na4 Rd4 72.Nb6 Rd1 73.Na4 Rd4 74.Nb6 Rd1 75.Nc4 Ra1+



76.Kb4 Rb1+ 77.Ka5 Ra1+ 78.Kb4 Rb1+ 79.Ka4 Ra1+ 80.Na3 Rd1

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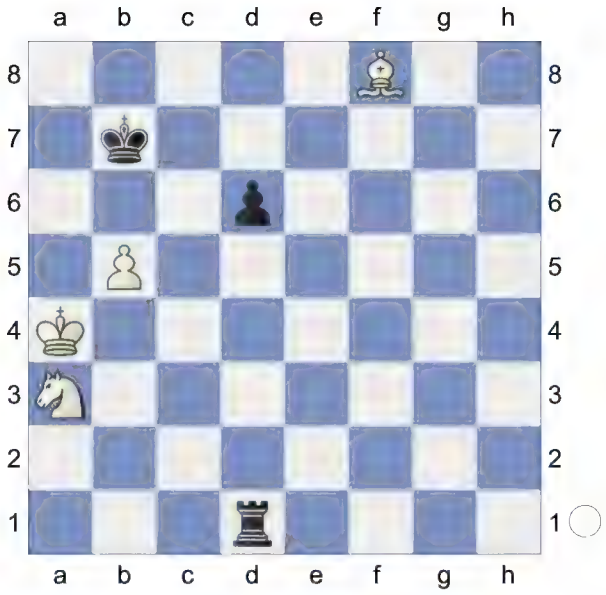
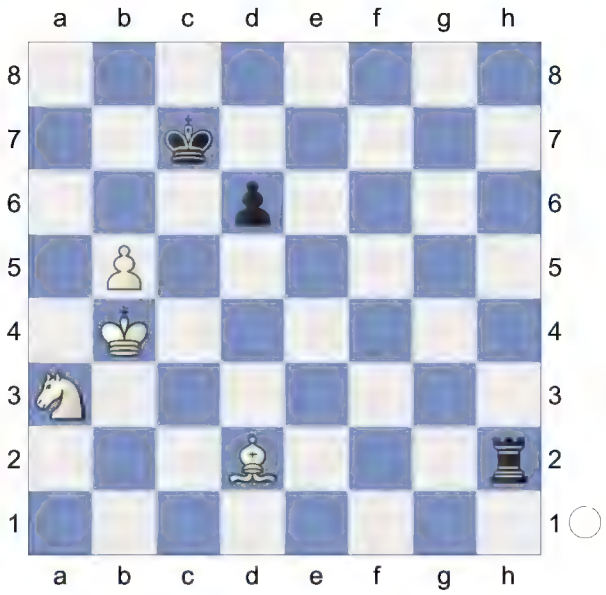


81.Ka5 Kc7 82.Bh6 Ra1 83.Kb4 Rh1 84.Be3 Rh3 85.Bd2 Rh2



86.Bg5 Rb2+ 87.Ka5 Ra2 88.Kb4 Rg2 89.Bf6 Kb7 90.Nc4 Rg4

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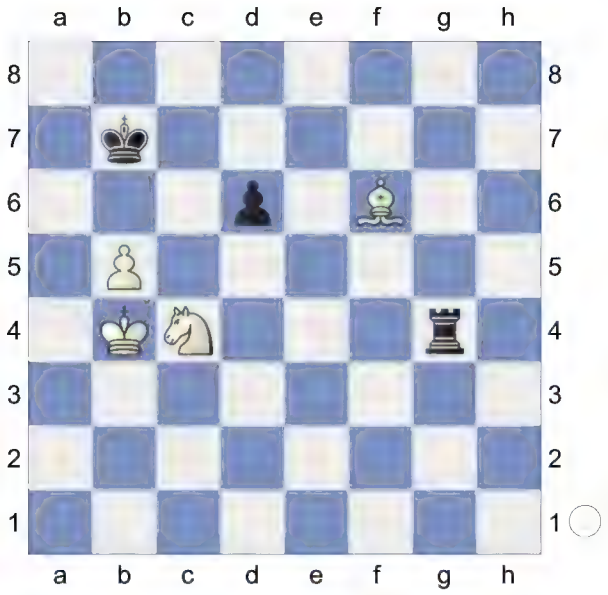
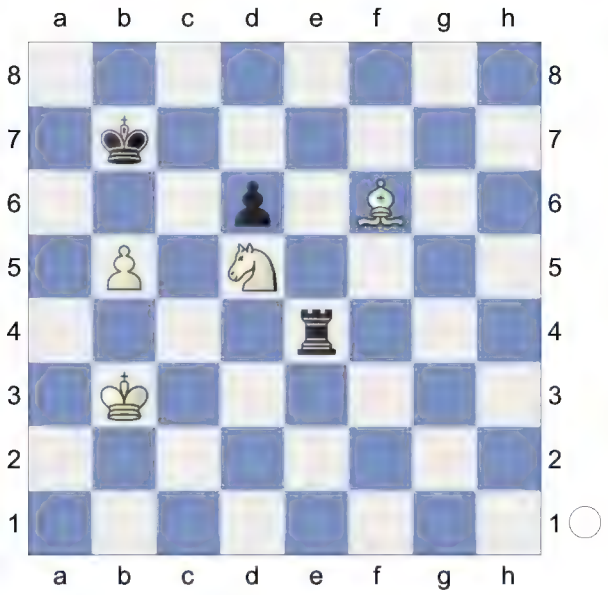


91.Kb3 Rg3+ 92.Ka4 Rg4 93.Kb3 Kc7 94.Ne3 Re4 95.Nd5+ Kb7



96.Bb2 Rh4 97.Bf6 Rg4 98.Kc3 Rg1 99.Kc4 Re1 100.Bc3 Rh1

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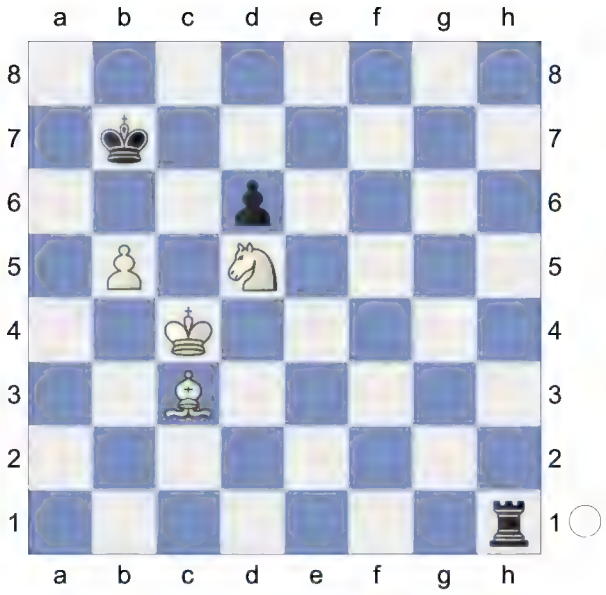
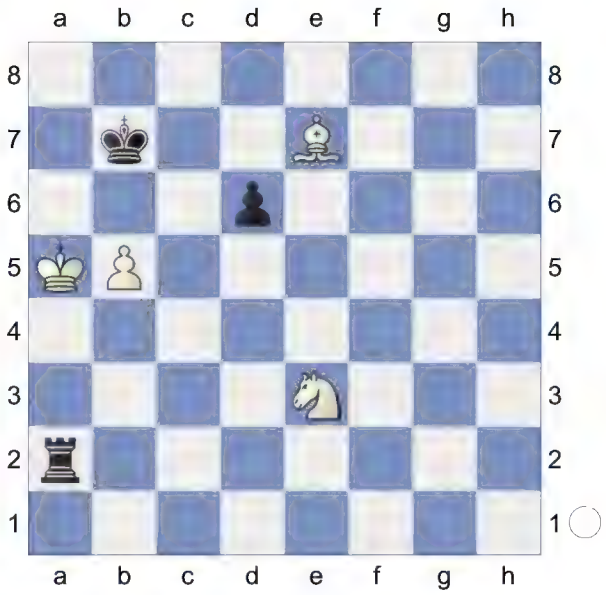


101.Bf6 Rh6 102.Kb4 Rg6 103.Ka5 Rg2 104.Ne3 Rf2 105.Be7 Ra2+



106.Kb4 Rb2+ 107.Ka5 Ra2+
108.Kb4 Strongly threatening Nc4!.
108...Re2 109.Bg5 Rb2+
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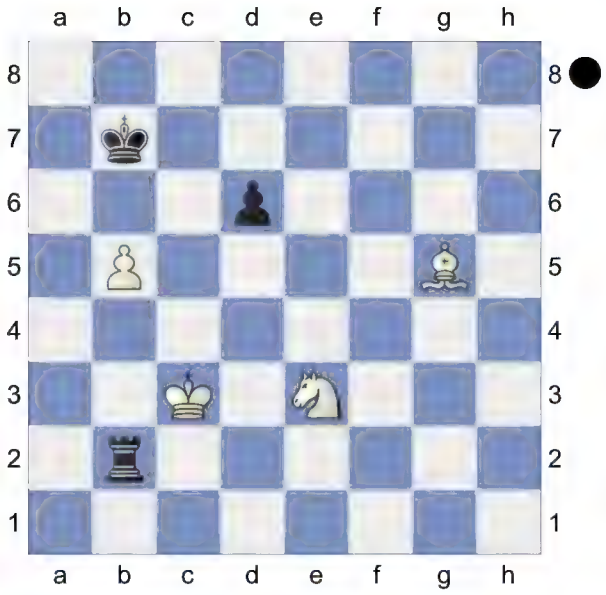
110.Kc3

(Diagram)



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8 **C70**

□ **Multibrendovyi** **2882**

■ **NIndja64** **2864**

Blitz 16.12.2021

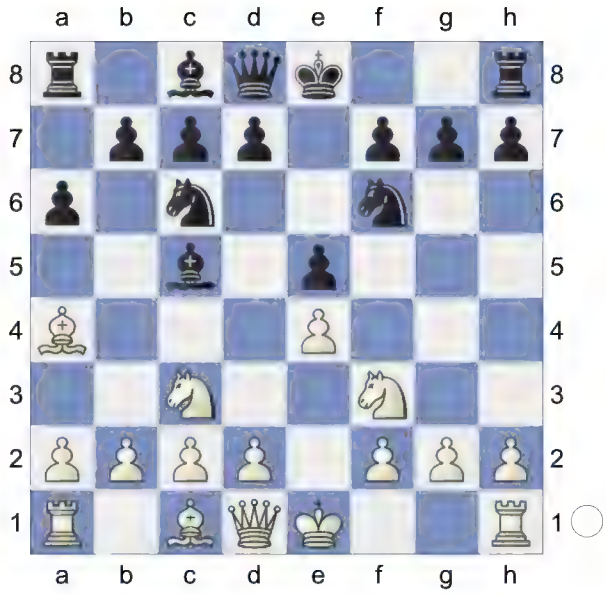
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.Nc3 Nf6

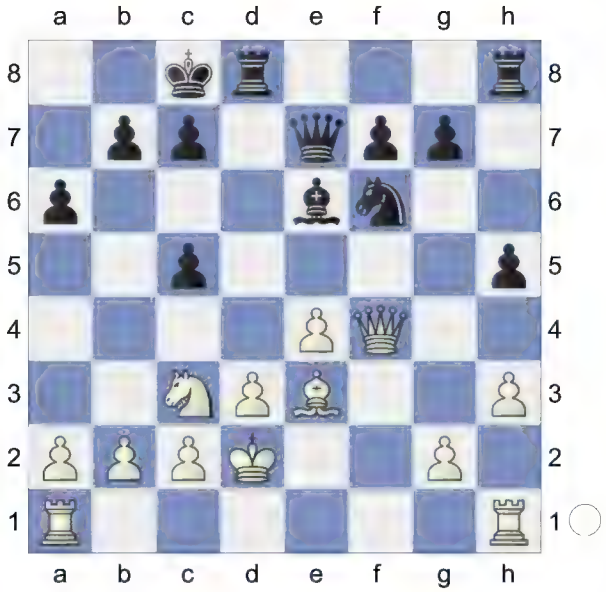
(Diagram)



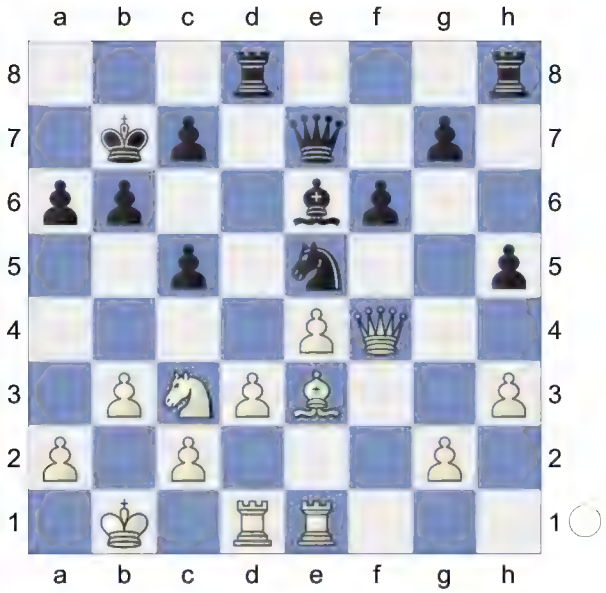
6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nxe5 Bxf2+ Decoy **8.Kxf2** aiming for Nf3. The position is equal. **8...Qd4+ 9.Ke1 Qxe5 10.d3 Bg4N**

[10...Ng4 11.Qf3 Nxh2 12.Qf4 Ng4 13.Qxe5+ Nxe5 14.Bf4 Ng6 15.Bxc7 Bg4 16.Na4 b5 17.Nc5 Nf8 18.a4 Ne6 19.Nxe6 Bxe6 20.axb5 cxb5 21.Kd2 0-0 22.b3 f5 23.e5 Rfc8 24.Ba5 Bd5 25.Rh2 1-0 (51) Akhmetov,A (2417)-Khoder,A (2232) Masters Open 2024 (6.41)]

Repels Qf3 **11.Qd2 0-0-0 12.Qf4 Qe7 13.Be3 h5 14.h3 Be6 15.Kd2 c5**



16.Rad1 Nd7 17.Kc1 f6 18.Rhe1 Ne5 19.Kb1 b6 20.b3 Kb7

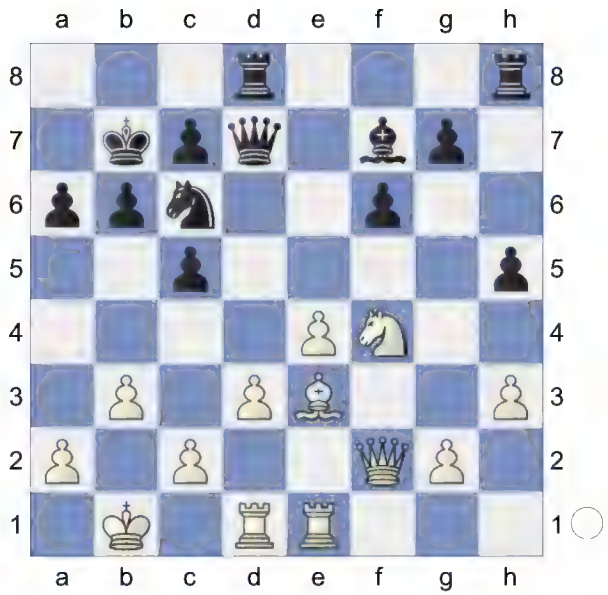


21.Na4 Nc6 22.Qf2 Nd4 23.Nc3 Qd7 24.Ne2

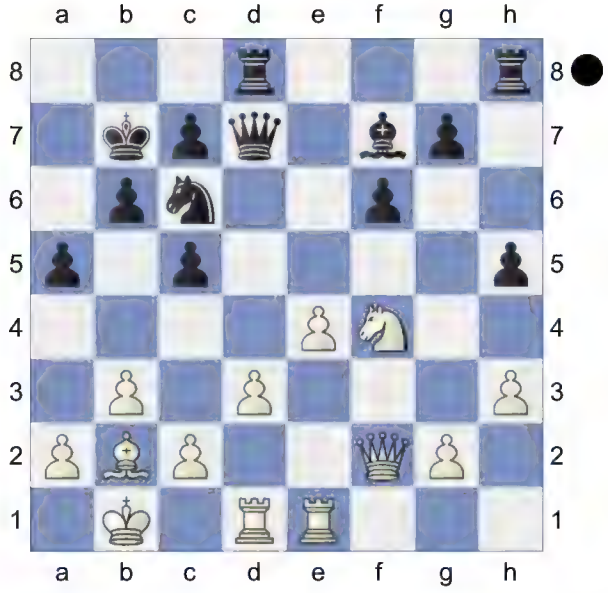
[24.Kb2 is interesting. Rhf8 25.a4 a5 26.Rf1]

24...Nc6 25.Nf4 Bf7

(Diagram)



26.Bc1 a5 27.Bb2

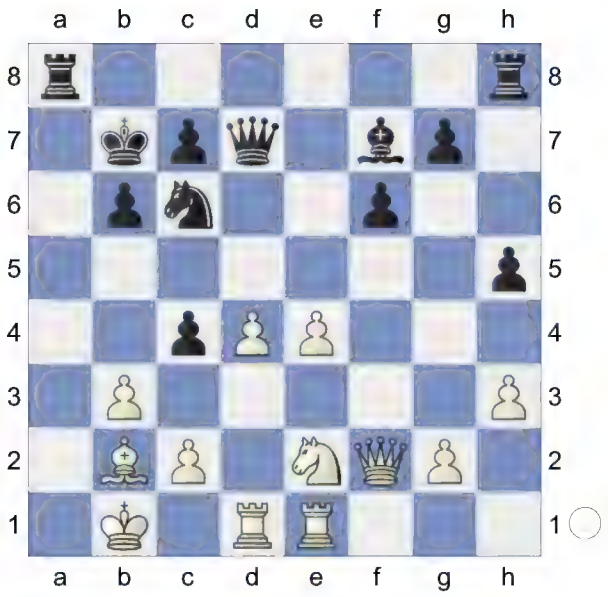


a4! 28.Ne2 axb3 29.axb3 Ra8 30.d4 -0.43/19

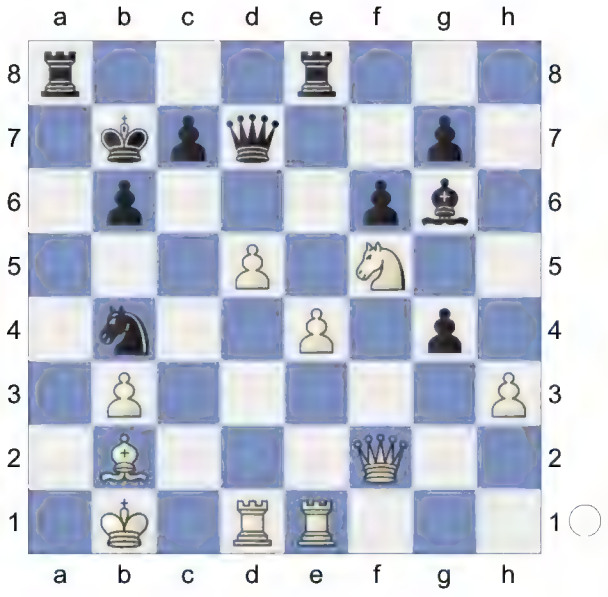
[30.Qg3= -0.06/18]

30...c4!∓

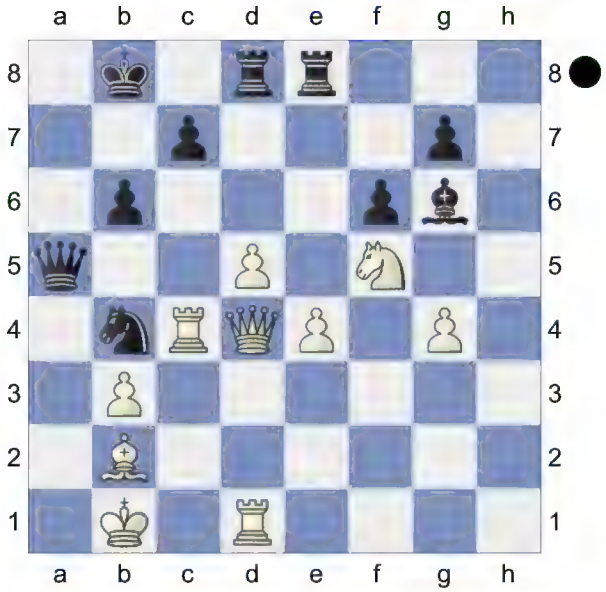
(Diagram)



31.d5 Nb4 1.93/17
[31...Ne5∓ -0.34/19 keeps the upper hand.]
32.Nd4? -0.22/18
[32.Rd4+- 1.93/17]
32...cxb3= 33.cxb3 Bg6! 34.Nf5 -0.86/21
[34.Nc2!∓ -0.37/21 is superior. Nxc2 35.Qxc2]
34...Rhe8 0.00/19
[34...Rae8∓ -0.86/21 Hoping for ... Rxe4!. 35.g4 hxg4 36.hxg4 Rh3]
35.g4! hxg4



36.hxg4 Qb5 37.Qd4 -0.61/19
[37.Qe2= 0.00/19 Ra5 38.d6 *(38.Nxg7? Bxe4+ 39.Qxe4 Rxe4-+; 38.Qxb5 Rxb5 39.d6 Bxf5=)*]
37...Qa5∓ 38.Re3? -2.50/22
[White should play 38.Rd2∓ -0.63/19 Qa2+ 39.Kc1]
38...Rad8? -0.26/20
[38...Rh8-+ -2.50/22 39.Qd2 Qa2+ 40.Kc1 Ra5 *(40...Bxf5? 41.gxf5 Ra5 42.Qxb4∓)* 41.Qxb4 Rc5+ 42.Rc3 Rh2]
39.Rc3 -1.01/18
[39.Qd2= -0.26/20 remains equal.]
39...Kb8 40.Rc4



c5!

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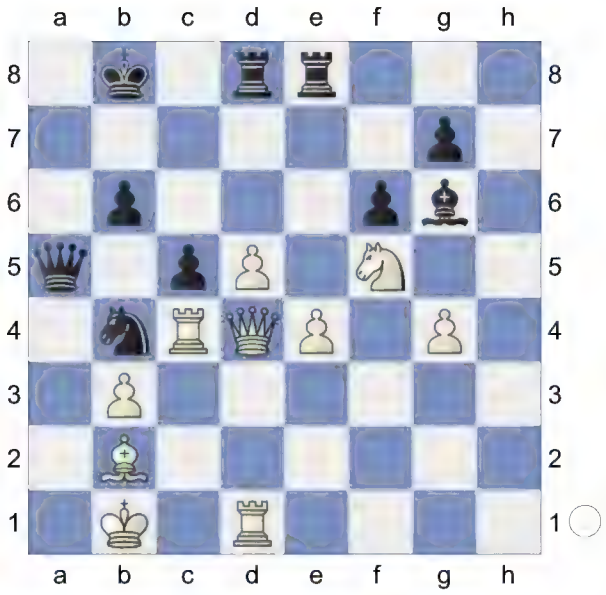
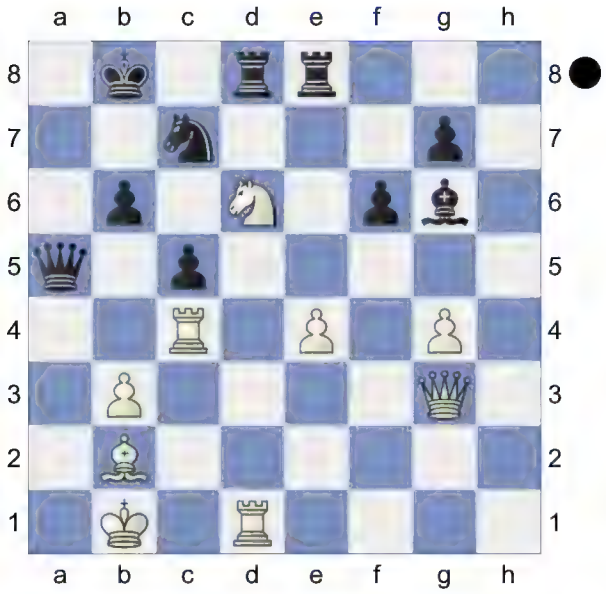


41.Qe3 Nxd5 42.Qg3+ Nc7 43.Nd6? -3.60/20

[43.Rxd8+!∓ -0.48/18 Rxd8 44.Ne7]

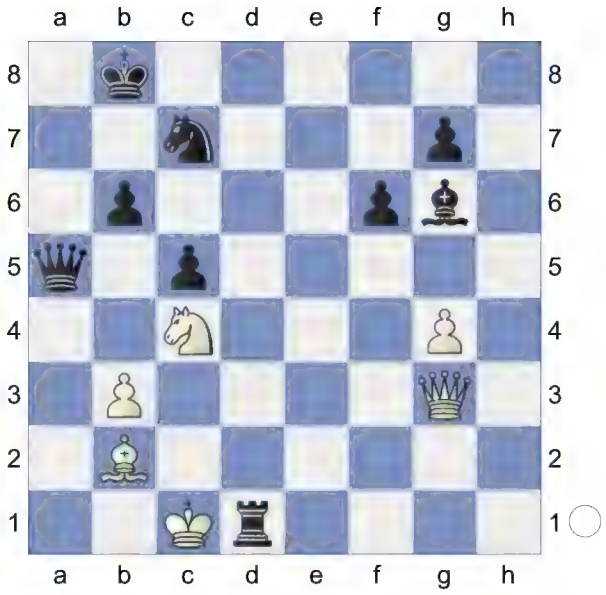


43...Rxe4!!-+ 44.Kc1

[44.Rxe4 Bxe4+]

44...Rxc4+ 45.Nxc4 Rxd1+

(Diagram)



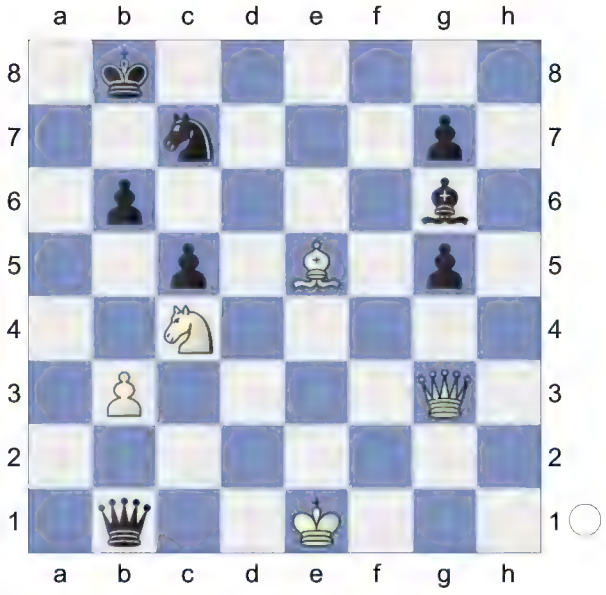
46.Kxd1 Qa2 47.g5 Qb1+ 48.Kd2 Qc2+

[48...b5 49.gxf6 Qc2+ *(49...bxc4? 50.Be5-+)* 50.Ke1-+]

49.Ke1 fxg5? -0.07/17

[49...Bh5-+ -4.90/19 50.Qe3 b5 51.gxf6 gxf6 *(51...bxc4? 52.fxg7 Qb1+ 53.Bc1∓)*]

50.Be5!= Qb1+



51.Kd2 Qc2+ 52.Ke1

(Diagram)

Bd3! 53.Bxc7+ Kb7 Chess con chili. **54.Qf3+**

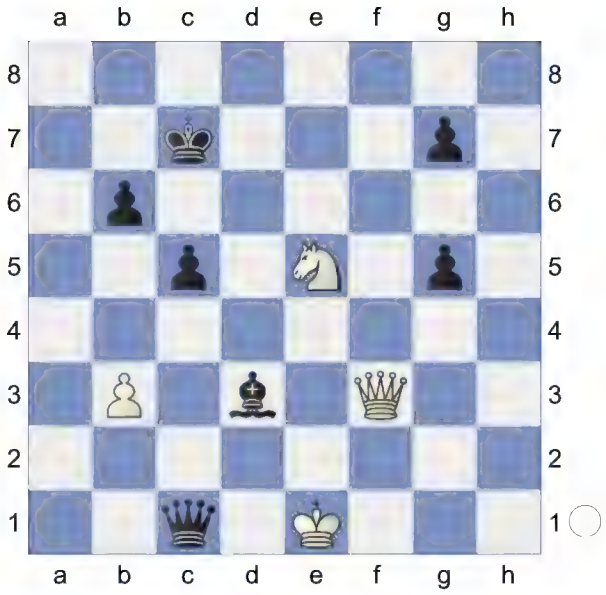
[54.Qe5 Qc1+ 55.Kf2 Qf1+ 56.Kg3 Qg1+ 57.Kf3 Qd1+ 58.Kf2 Qf1+ *(58...Qxb3 59.Bxb6 Qc2+ 60.Kg3=)* 59.Kg3 Bxc4 60.bxc4 Qd3+ *(60...Qxc4 61.Qe7=)* 61.Kg2 Qd2+ *(61...Qxc4 62.Qxg7 Qe4+ 63.Kf2=)* 62.Kf3 Qd1+ 63.Kg2 Qd7±]

54...Kxc7 55.Ne5? -12.33/18

[55.Qf7+= 0.00/17 Kd8 *(55...Kb8 56.Qe8+ Kc7 57.Qe7+ Kc6 58.Qd6+ Kb7 59.Qxb6+ Kc8 60.Qxc5+ Kb7 61.Qd5+ Ka7 62.Qf7+ Ka6 63.Qe6+ Kb7 64.Qd7+ Kb8 65.Qe8+ Kb7 66.Qe7+ Kc6 67.Qe8+ Kc7 68.Qf7+ Kc6 69.Qe8+ Kb7 70.Qf7+ Ka6 71.Qe6+ Kb7 72.Qd5+ Kc7 73.Qd6+ Kb7 74.Qd7+ Kb8 75.Qd6+ Kb7 76.Qd7+=)* 56.Qf8+ Kd7 57.Qxg7+ Ke8 58.Qg8+ Kd7 59.Qf7+ Kd8 60.Qf8+ Kd7 61.Qf7+]

55...Qc1+

(Diagram)



Black is clearly winning. **56.Kf2 Qb2+ 57.Kg1**

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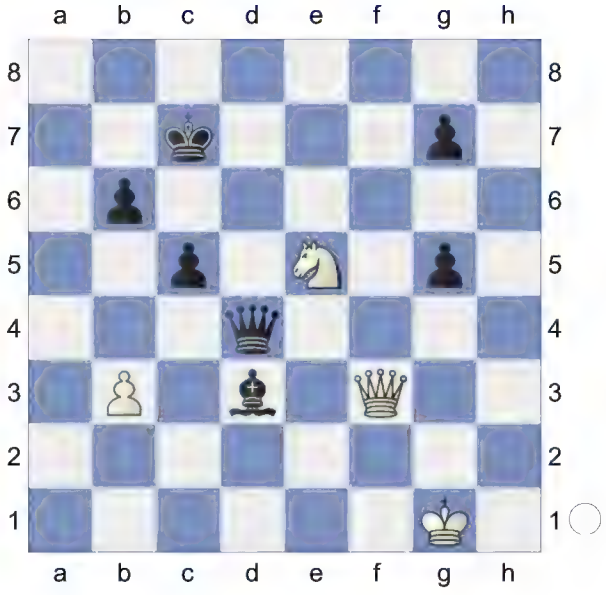
57...Qd4+



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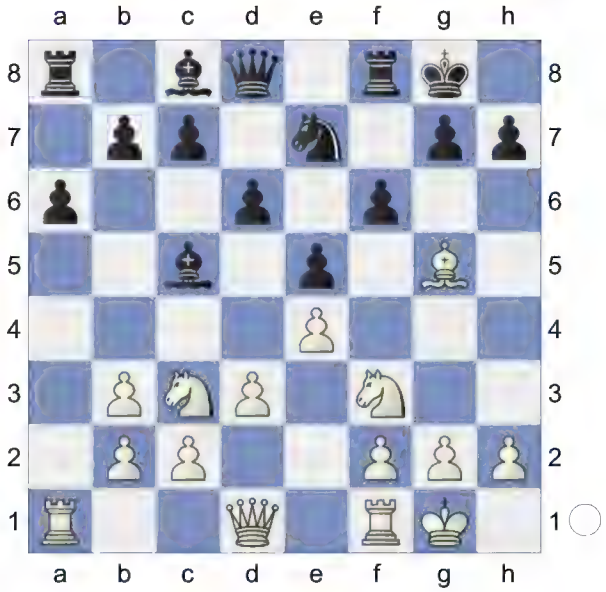
9 **C70**
□ **Caviar2068** **2956**
■ **Fandorine96** **2858**
Blitz 11.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

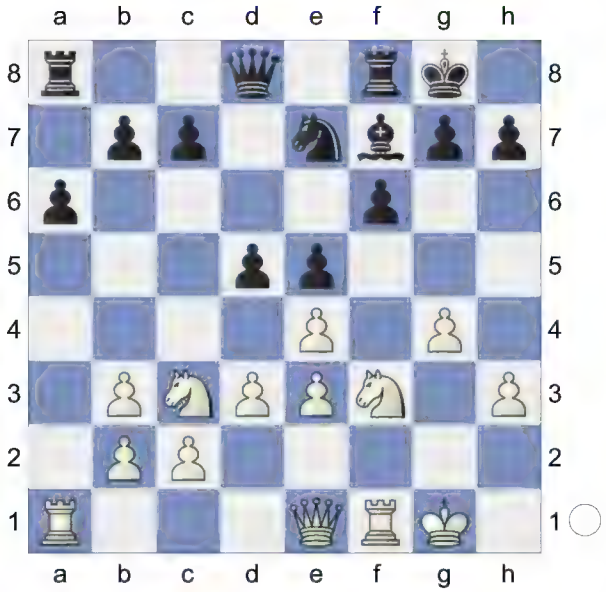
Blitz 3min
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7

6.Nc3N -0.10/20
[6.c3± 0.49/24 Ba7 7.d4 Ng6
A) 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 0-0 10.d5 *(10.Nbd2 d6 11.Re1 Kh8 12.h3 Bd7 13.a3 Nce7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.Qb3 exd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.cxd4 f5 18.f3 fxe4 19.fxe4 c6 20.Nc4 Rae8* Mestre Deniz,M-Reichel,S URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 *)* 10...Nce7 11.Bxa7 Rxa7 12.d6 cxd6 13.Qxd6 b5 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.a4 Rb7 16.axb5 Rb6 17.Qd1 axb5 18.Nbd2 Bb7 19.c4 f5 20.Bc2 fxe4 21.Ng5 Nf5 22.Ngxe4 Nf4 0-1 (32) Tari,A (2625)-Van Foreest,J (2671) Tata Steel 83rd 2021 (7);
B) 8.Na3 b5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.Bd5 Qe8 11.Nc2 d6 12.a4 Bb7 13.Nb4 exd4 14.axb5 axb5 15.cxd4 Bb6 16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Re1 Re8 20.Qd3 Ba5 21.Bd2 Bxd2 22.Nxd2 f5 ½-½ (33) Malmgren,S (2118)-Van Baar,E (1865) Prague Masters 3rd 2021 (5);
C) 8.Be3 0-0 9.Nbd2 d6 10.Re1 Kh8 11.Bc2 Bd7 12.Qe2 f6 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.a4 Nd8 15.d5 Nf7 16.b4 Ng5 17.c4 Qe8 18.a5 Qe7 19.Rc1 c6 20.Bd3 Nxf3+ 21.Nxf3 1-0 (50) Norman,K (2024)-Yurasova,D (2064) RUS-ch Rapid (Women) 2024 (11)]
6...0-0 0.28/23
[⌓6...d6 -0.10/20]
7.Bb3 -0.30/23
[⌓7.Nxe5! 0.28/23 Nxe5 8.d4]
7...d6= 8.d3 Na5 Black is slightly better. **9.Bg5 Nxb3 10.axb3 f6**

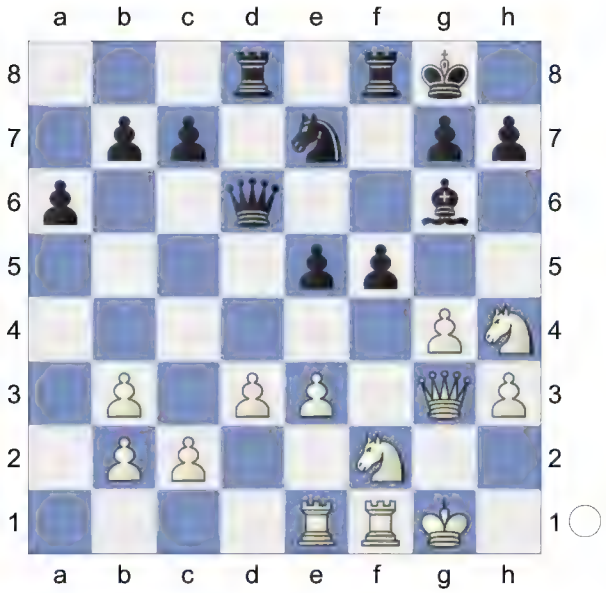


11.Be3 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 -0.54/21
[13.Bxc5= -0.07/22 dxc5 14.g4]
13...Bxe3∓ 14.fxe3 Bf7 15.Qe1 d5 -0.04/23

[15...b5∓ -0.51/21 is superior.]



16.Qg3= dxe4 17.Nxe4 Bg6 18.Nf2 Qd6 19.Rae1 Rad8 20.Nh4 f5



21.gxf5 Nxf5 22.Nxf5 Bxf5 23.Ng4 -1.32/21

[23.Re2∓ -0.55/22]

23...e4∓ 24.Qxd6 cxd6 -0.60/25

[24...Rxd6∓ -1.30/27 25.Ne5 exd3 26.cxd3 Bxh3 *(26...Bxd3 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.e4-+)* 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8]

25.d4 h5

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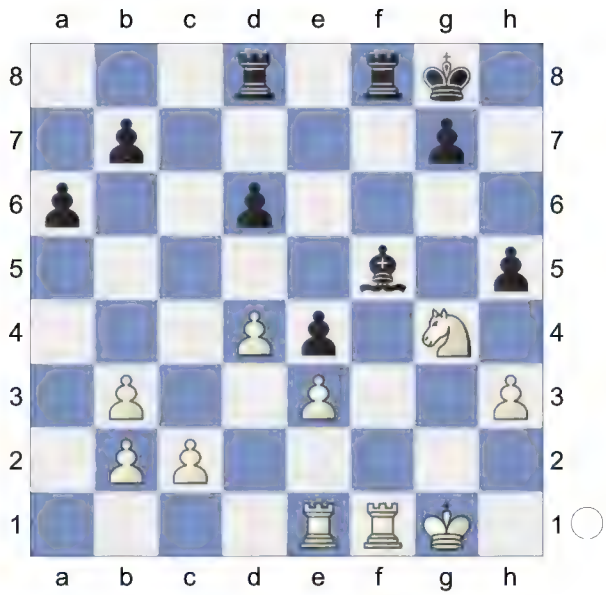


26.Nf2 d5 -0.30/22

[Black should play 26...Rc8∓ -0.74/22 27.Re2 d5]

27.Kh2 -1.33/27

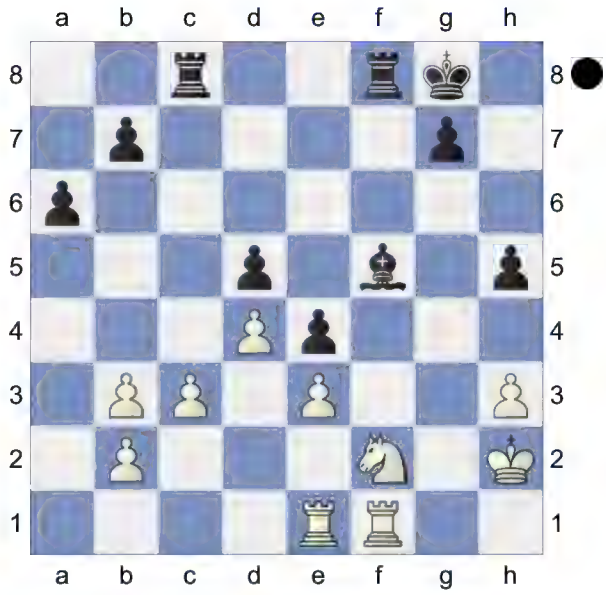
[27.h4= -0.30/22 keeps the balance.]

27...Rc8 -0.94/25

[⌓27...Be6 -1.33/27 28.Re2 Rf5]

28.c3 -1.51/22

[⌓28.Re2 -0.94/25]



28...Rc6 -0.27/23 Black is more active.

[28...Be6!∓ -1.51/22 Hoping for ...Rf3. 29.Nd1 Kh7]

29.h4!= Rb6 30.b4 Rbf6↑

Black is pushing. **31.Nh1 Bg4 32.Rxf6 Rxf6∓** Endgame KRB-KRN Black converts the advantage convincingly. **33.Ng3?** -3.04/26

[White should play 33.b3∓ -0.58/24]

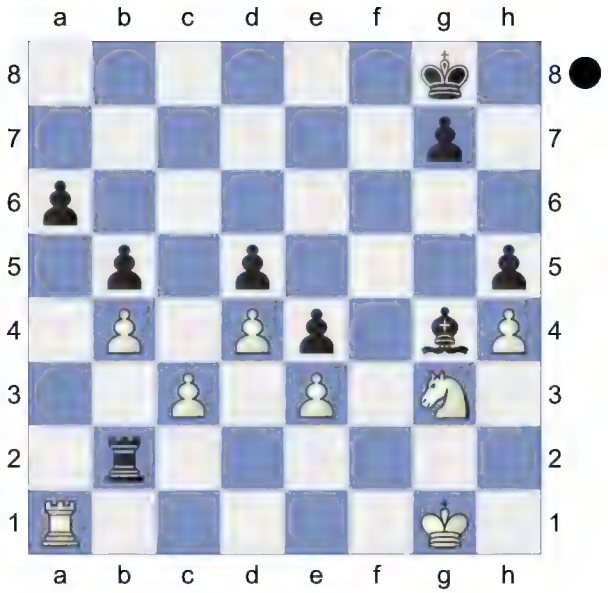
33...Rf2+-+ 34.Kg1 Rxb2 35.Rc1 -4.65/23

[⌓35.Rf1 -3.24/21]

35...b5

36.Ra1

(Diagram)



Rc2? -1.00/20

[36...g5!-+ -4.08/26 is more deadly. 37.hxg5 h4]

37.Ra3? -4.99/26

[37.Rxa6∓ -1.00/20 Rxc3 38.Kf2]

37...Kh7? -1.66/21

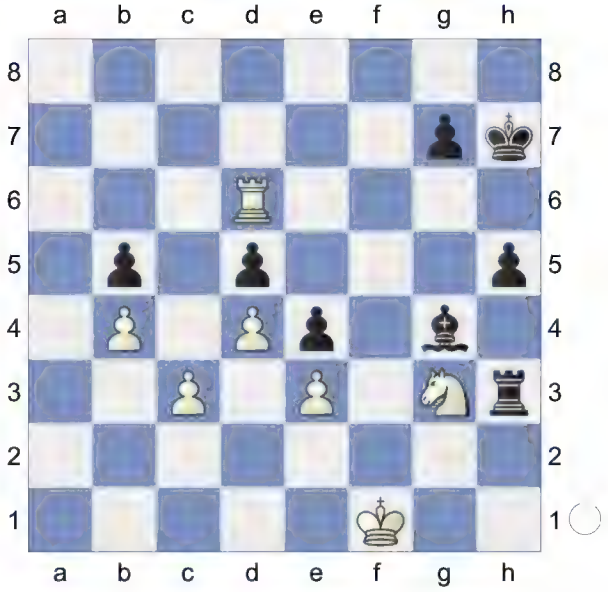
[37...g5 -4.99/26 38.hxg5 h4]

38.Kf1? -6.95/23

[38.Rxa6 -1.66/21 Rxc3 39.Kf2]

38...Rh2 Black is clearly winning.

39.Rxa6 Rxh4 40.Rd6 Rh3

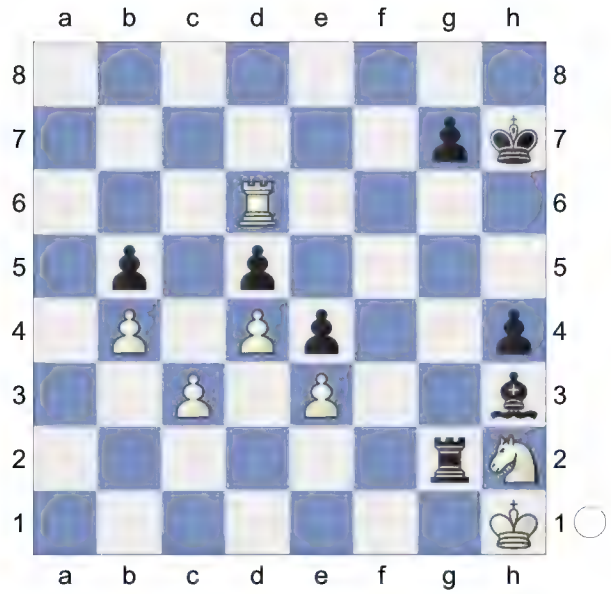


41.Kg2 h4 42.Nf1 Rf3 43.Nh2 Bh3+

[43...Rxe3 44.Nxg4 Rg3+

(44...Rxc3 45.Kf2=) 45.Kh2 Rxg4 46.Rxd5∓]

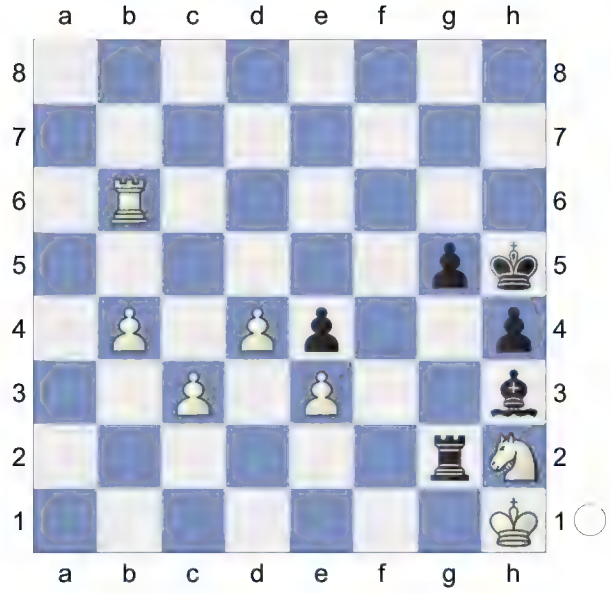
44.Kg1 Rg3+ 45.Kh1 Rg2



46.Rxd5 Rc2 47.Kg1 Rg2+

[Stronger than 47...Rxc3 48.Rh5+ Kg8 49.Rxh4 Rxe3 50.Kf2∓]

48.Kh1 g5 49.Rxb5 Kg6 50.Rb6+ Kh5



51.Rb8 Rc2 52.Rh8+ Kg6 53.Rg8+ Kf6 54.Kg1 Rxc3 55.d5 Rxe3

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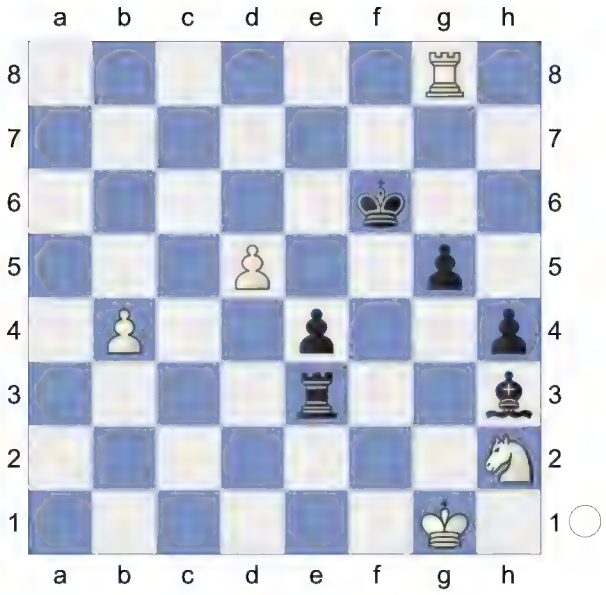

56.d6

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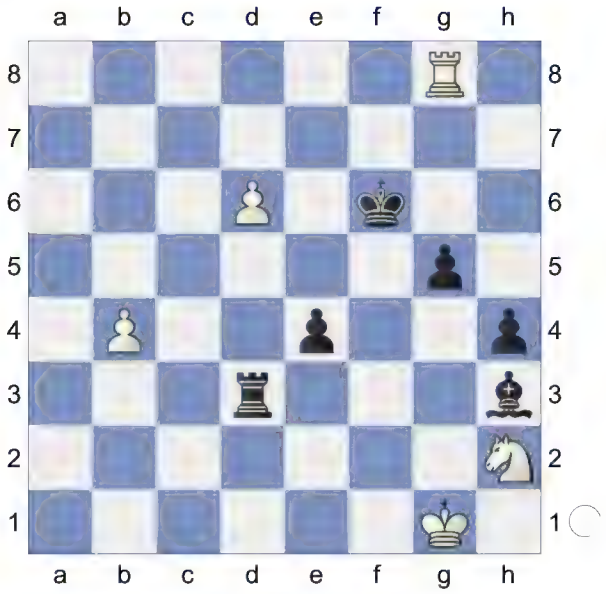
56...Rd3



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10 **C70**
□ **Kostik_Mostik** **2860**
■ **KKlie4** **2858**
Blitz 29.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.Nc3

[5.c3 Nf6 6.d4 *(6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nf1 h6 11.Bh4 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4 Bb6 14.bxa5 Bxa5 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.Ne3 Kh8 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.0-0 c6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 Rxb5* 1-0 (42) 13... ♖h7 and 17... ♖f7_189 (1831)-Ezat,A (1380) 145/(126) Douglas 2019 (2)) 6...Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]

5...d6N

[5...Nf6 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Bg5 c5 11.Qxc5 d6 12.Qd4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.0-0-0 Bb7 15.f3 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 a5 19.Rhd1 a4 20.Nd5 1-0 (51) Kunze,J-Wolf,S Sachsen-ch U10 2004 (7)]

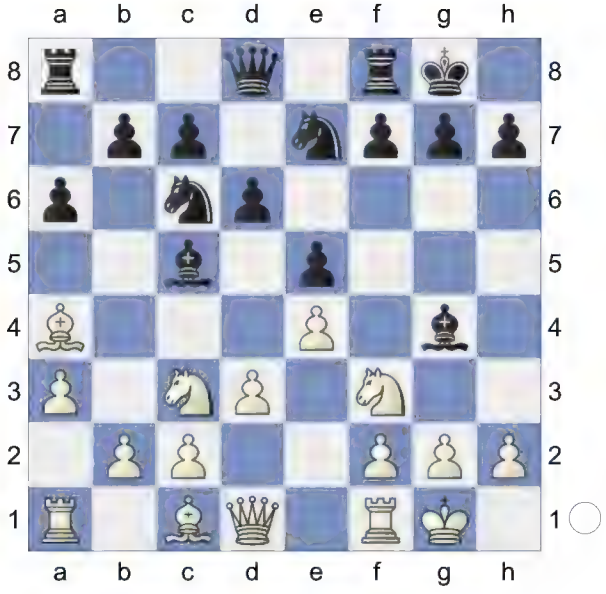
(Diagram)

6.a3 -0.34/20

[6.Bxc6+± 0.31/21 bxc6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4]

6...Nge7∓ 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3! Black has an edge. **8...Bg4**

[8...b5!? 9.Bb3□ Bg4∓]



9.Be3 -1.34/21

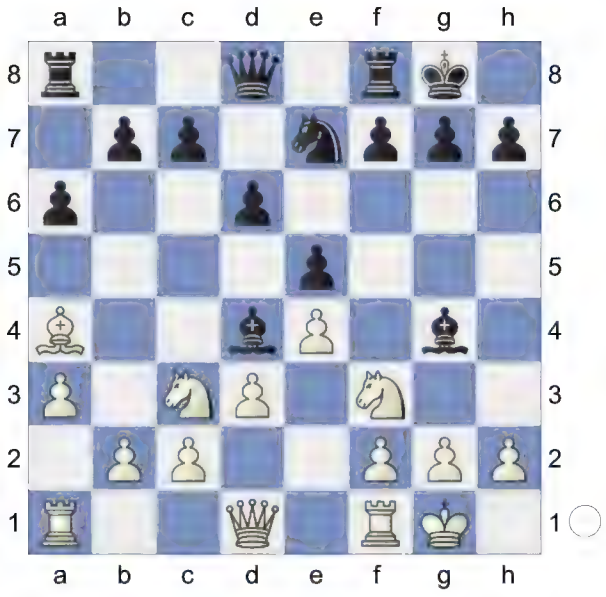
[9.h3= -0.25/21 Bxf3 10.Qxf3]

9...Nd4 -0.98/17

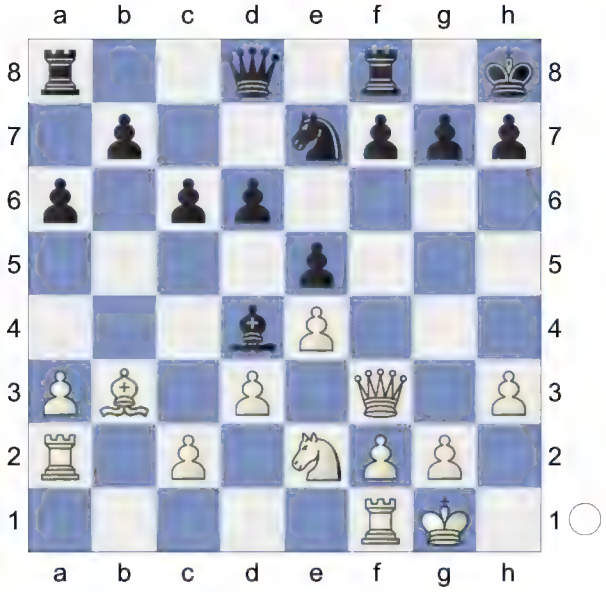
[⌓9...f5 -1.34/21 10.Bxc6 Nxc6]

10.Bxd4∓ Bxd4

(Diagram)

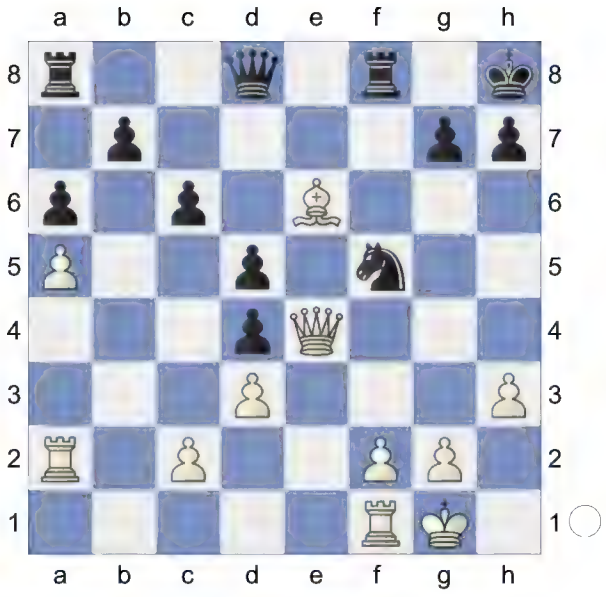


11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 c6 13.Bb3 Kh8 14.Ne2 Bxb2 15.Ra2 Bd4

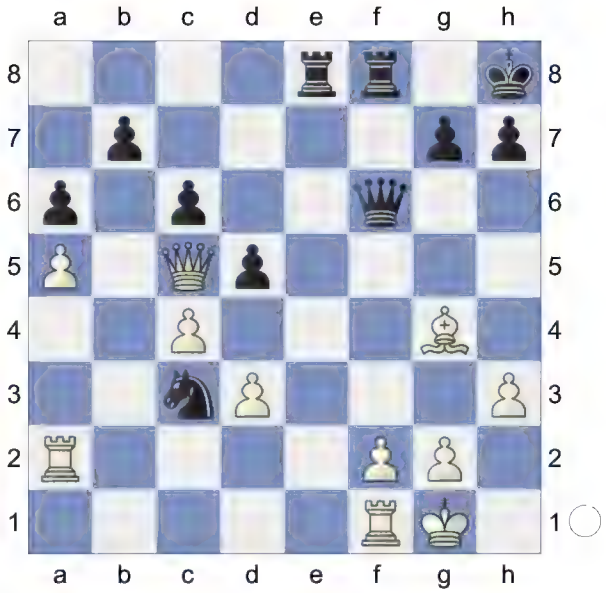


16.Nxd4 exd4 17.a4 f5 18.a5 -1.04/21
[18.Be6∓ -0.63/20 might be stronger.]
18...fxe4 -0.58/17
[18...Rf6∓ -1.04/21 19.Re1 Qc7 20.exf5 Nxf5]
19.Qxe4∓ Nf5 20.Be6 d5

(Diagram)

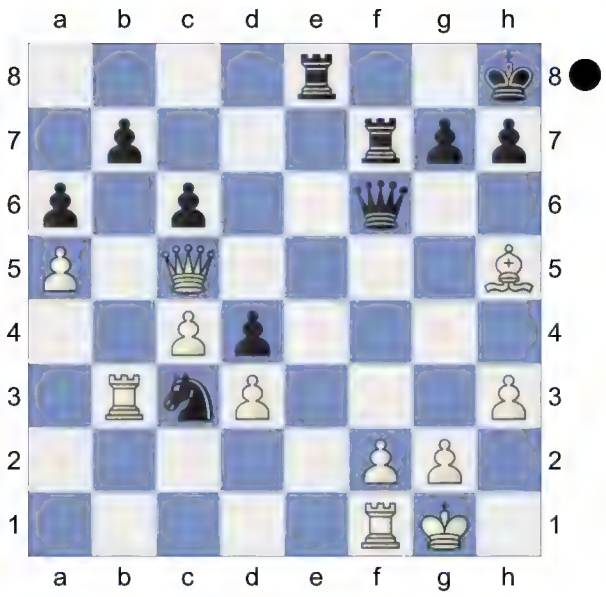


21.Qg4 Nd6 -0.03/22
[21...Nh6!∓ -0.40/22 22.Qxd4 Qd6]
22.Qxd4= Nb5↑ Black has the initiative.
[22...Qf6 simplifies 23.Qxf6 Rxf6 24.Bg4 Re8]
23.Qc5 Qf6 24.Bg4 Rae8 25.c4 Nc3

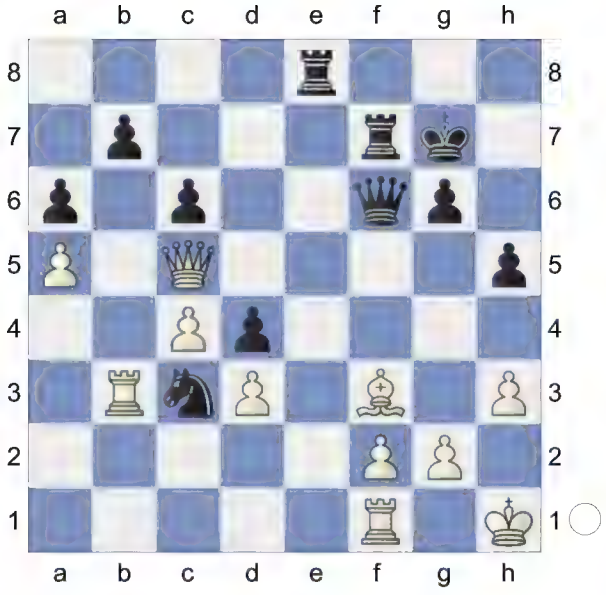


26.Ra3 d4 27.Rb3 Rf7 28.Bh5 -1.31/22
[28.Qa7= 0.12/20]

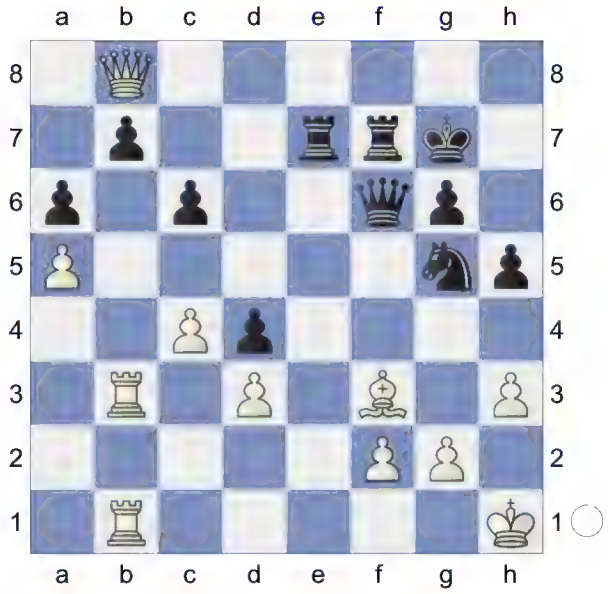
(Diagram)



28...g6!∓
[28...Re1? 29.Bxf7 *(29.Rxe1 Qxf2+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+ 31.Kh1 g6+-)* 29...Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1+-]
29.Bf3 Kg7 30.Kh1 h5

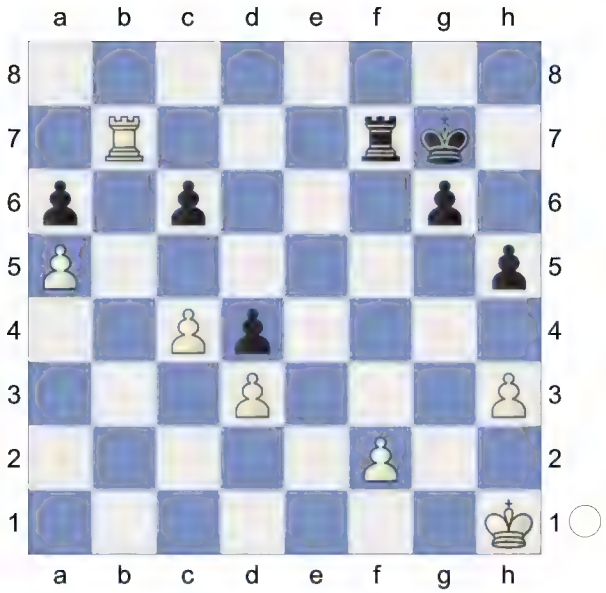


31.Qa7 Ree7 32.Qb8 -2.06/19
[32.Rb2∓ -1.45/17]
32...Na4 33.Rfb1 -2.31/19
[33.Rbb1∓ -1.37/20 was called for.]
33...Nc5-+ 34.Ra3 Ne6 -1.05/20
[34...Re5-+ -2.09/20 and ...Qe7 should not be overlooked 35.Be4 Qe7]
35.Rab3 -2.03/22
[35.Qg3∓ -1.05/20]
35...Ng5 -0.79/22
[35...Nc5-+ -2.03/22 36.Ra3 Nd7]

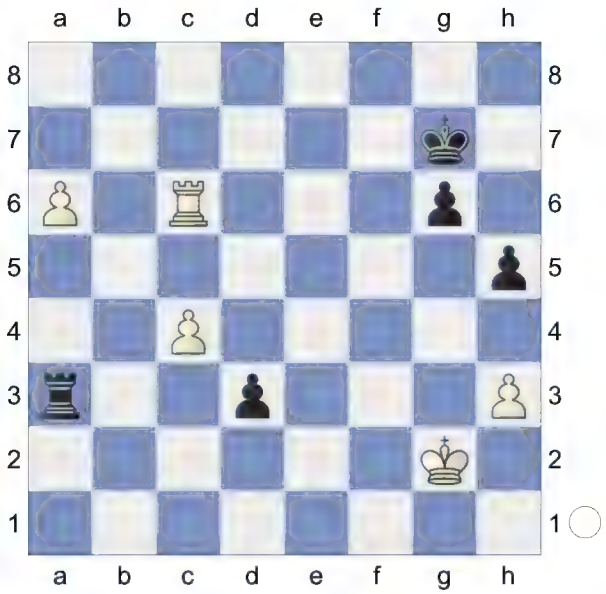


36.Qg3 -1.29/20
[⌓36.Rxb7 -0.79/22 Nxf3 37.Rxe7 Rxe7 38.gxf3]
36...Nxf3 37.Qxf3 Qxf3 -0.75/18
[⌓37...Qg5 -1.22/21 38.Qg3 Qxa5]
38.gxf3∓ Rxf3 -0.10/18
[38...Kf6∓ -0.79/22 39.Rb4 Rg7]
39.Rxb7= Rxb7
[39...Rxh3+? perishes. 40.Kg2 Rxd3 41.Rxe7++-]
40.Rxb7+∓ Endgame KR-KR **40...Rf7**

(Diagram)



41.Rb6 Rxf2 42.Rxa6 Rf3 43.Kg2 Rxd3 44.Rxc6 Ra3 45.a6 d3



46.Kf2 Ra2+ 47.Ke3 d2 48.Ke2 g5 49.Rc5 Kf6 50.Rd5 Rxa6

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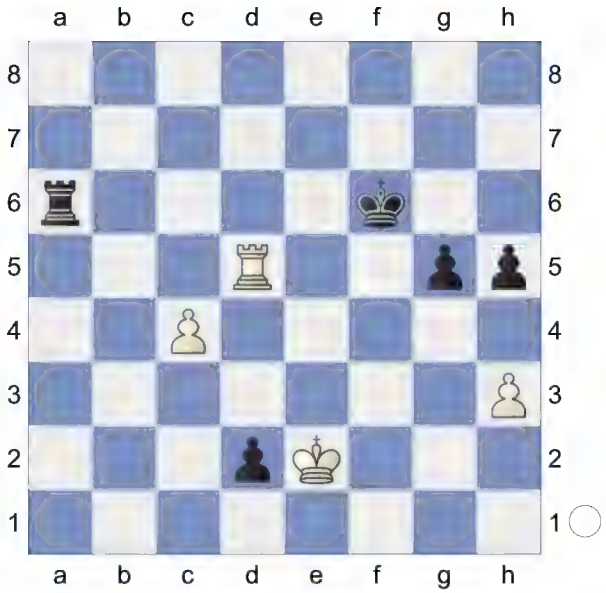
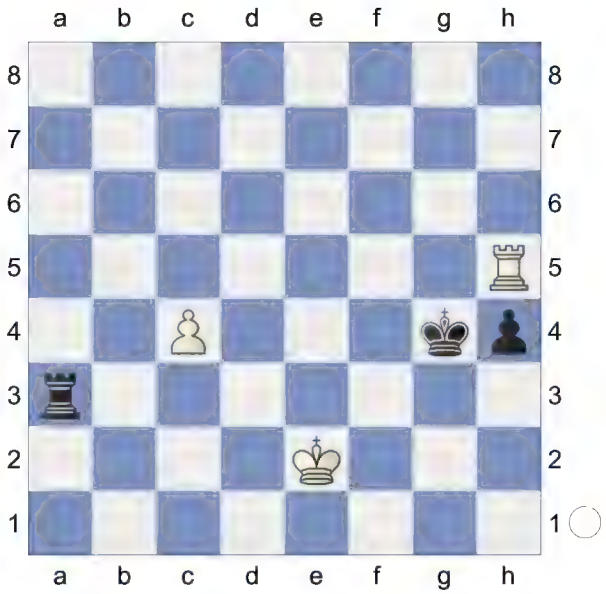


51.Rxd2 Ra3 52.Rd6+ Ke5 53.Rd5+ Kf4 54.h4 gxh4 55.Rxh5 Kg4



56.Rh8 h3 57.Rg8+ Kf4 58.Rh8 Ra2+ 59.Kd3 h2 60.c5 Kg3

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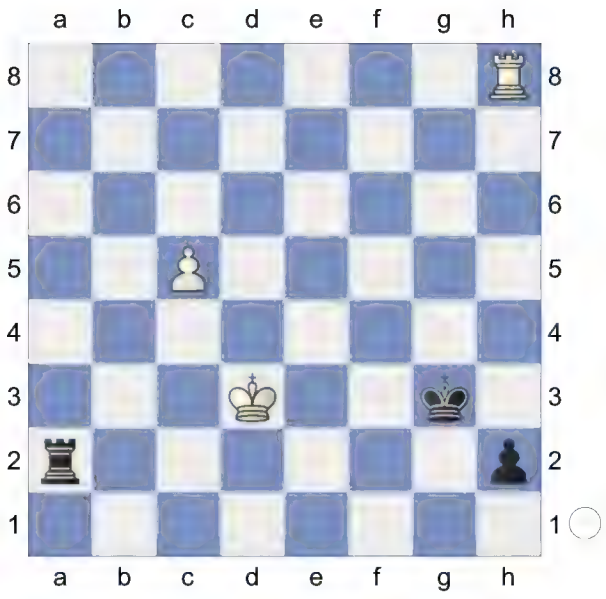
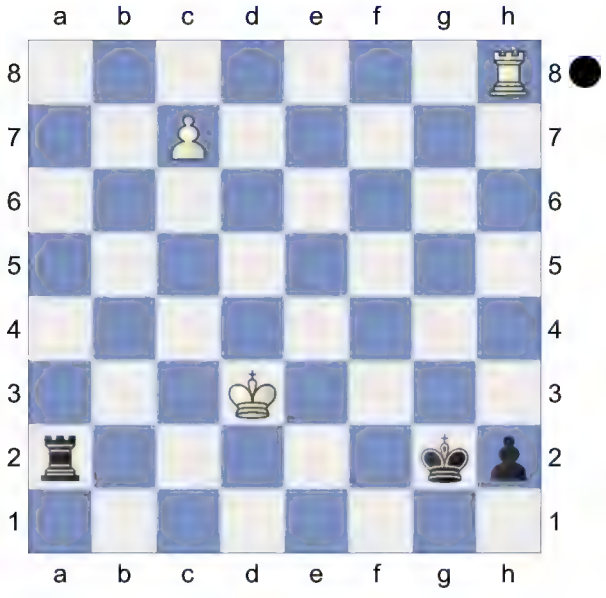


61.c6 Hoping for c7. **61...Kg2?** 2.44/28
[61...Ra8= 0.00/35 and Black has nothing to worry. 62.Rh7 Ra7]
What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
62.c7



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11 **C70**
□ **vistagausta** **2874**
■ **DrawDenied_Twitch** **2850**
Blitz 24.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
Chapter **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 b5** 0.84/23
[5...Nf6± 0.40/21 6.d4 Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 20.Nc3 Rxb2 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]
[5...Nge7 6.0-0 Ng6 7.d3 0-0 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 d6 10.Nbd2 Kh8 11.Qe2 Qe7 12.Rf2 Nd8 13.Raf1 f6 14.d4 Nf7 15.h3 c5 16.Bb3 Bd7 17.Nh2 Ng5 18.Nhf3 Bb5 19.c4 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 0-1 (56) Troltenier,D (2174)-Aaditya,D (2448) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (2)]

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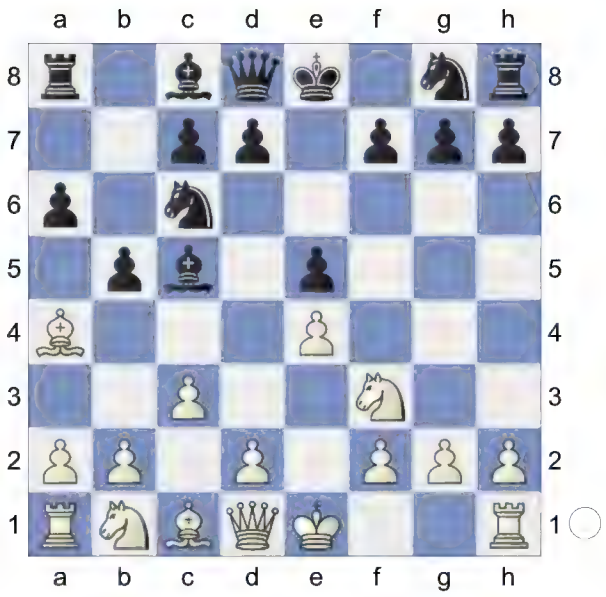
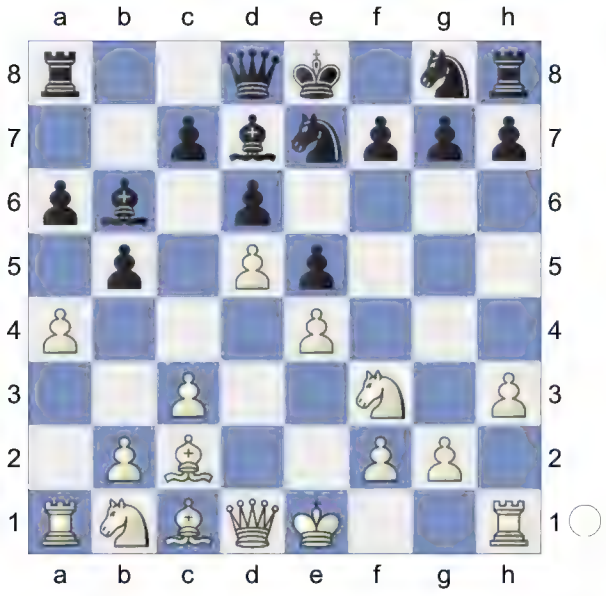


6.Bc2N

[6.Bb3 Qf6 *(6...d6 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Nc3 Bg4 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Bc2* Chapter-G6,G 2012*)* 7.d4 exd4 8.e5 Qg6 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Nc3 Qe4+ 11.Kf1 Bxc3 12.Bxf7+ Kf8 13.bxc3 1-0 Morozov,B-Manin,F Corr (Russia) 1961]

6...d6 7.d4 Bb6 8.a4 White is slightly better. **8...Bg4! 9.d5 Nce7 10.h3 Bd7**



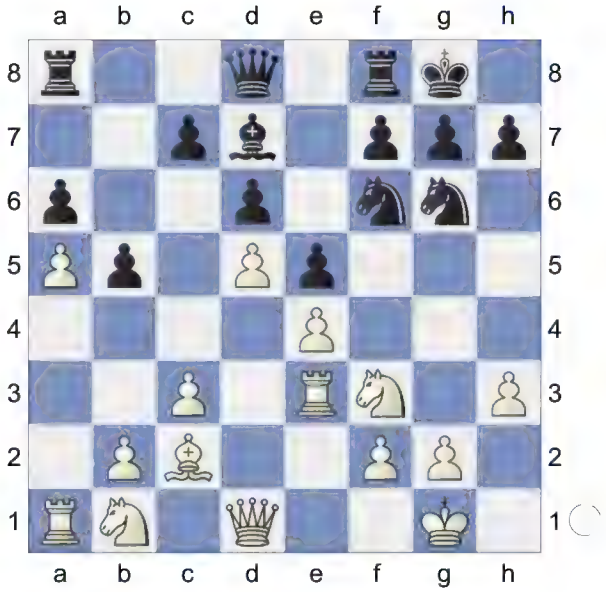
11.0-0 Nf6 12.Re1 0-0 13.a5 -0.24/20

[⌓13.Nbd2! 0.27/18]

13...Ba7= 14.Be3 -0.43/19

[14.Nbd2!= -0.03/19]

14...Bxe3∓ 15.Rxe3 Ng6



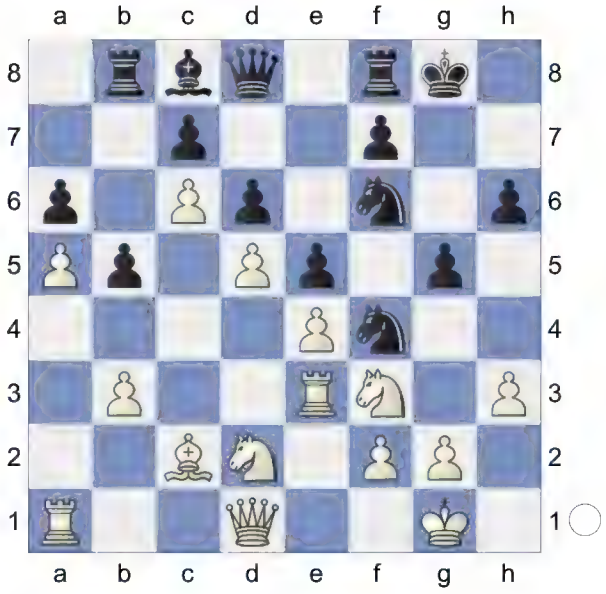
16.Nbd2 h6 17.c4 Rb8 0.24/16

[17...Nf4∓ -0.32/20]

18.b3 -0.27/21

[Better is 18.Bd3! 0.24/16]

18...Nf4 19.c5 g5 20.c6 Bc8



21.Nf1 g4 22.N3h2 gxh3 23.g3 Ng2 24.Rc3

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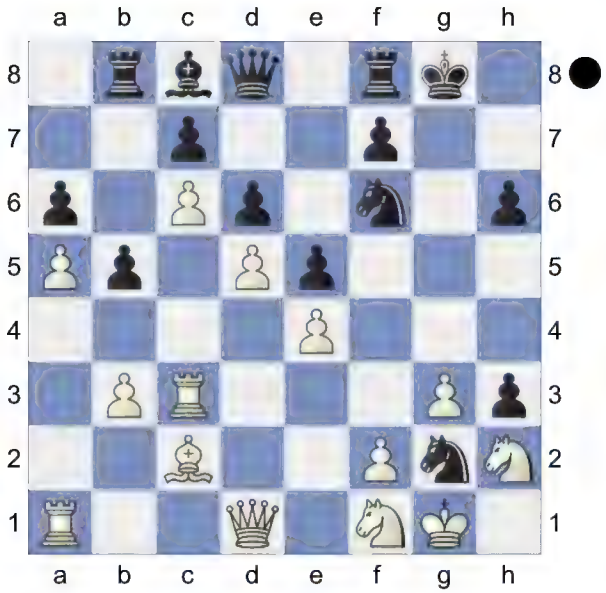
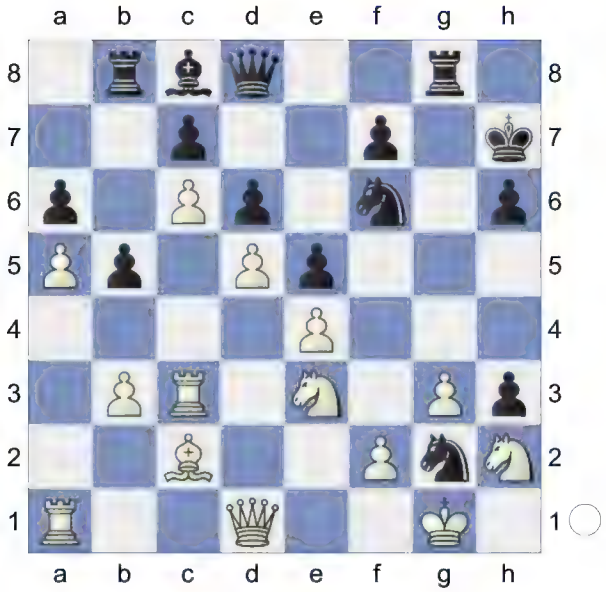


Kh7 -0.30/20
[24...Nh7!∓ -1.02/20]
25.Ne3 -0.76/21
[25.b4= -0.30/20 should be considered.]
25...Rg8 0.69/19
[25...b4∓ -0.76/21 26.Rd3 Nxe4 27.Nxg2 hxg2]



26.Nxg2± hxg2 27.Kxg2 Ng4

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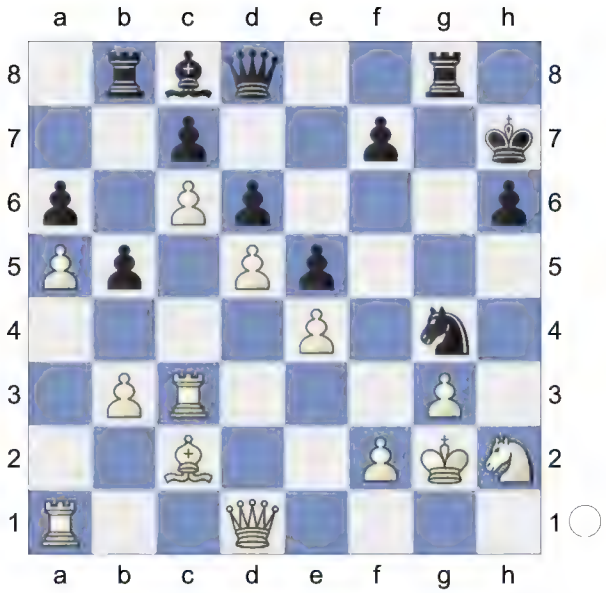
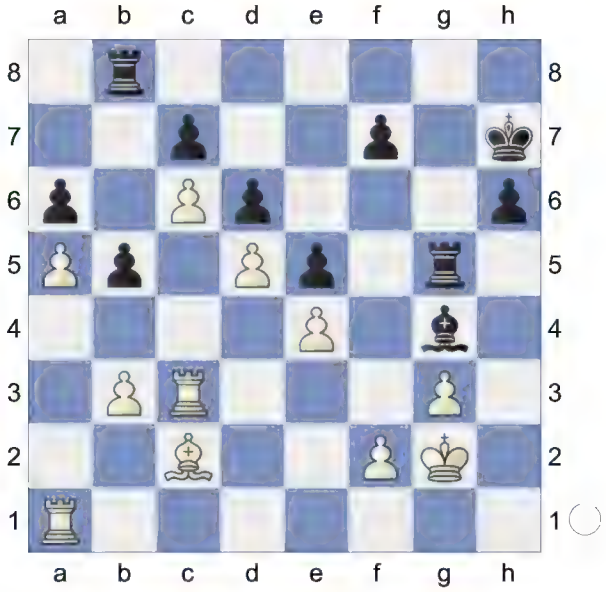
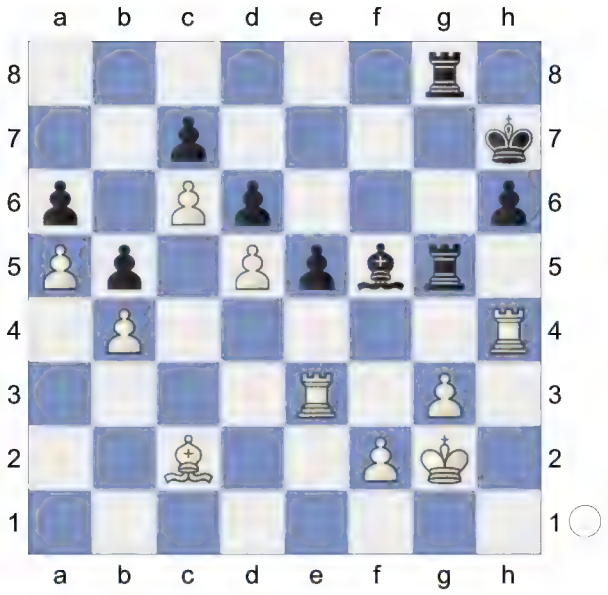


28.Nxg4 0.61/18
[28.Nf3!± 1.02/20]
28...Bxg4 29.Qd2 Qg5 30.Qxg5 Rxg5

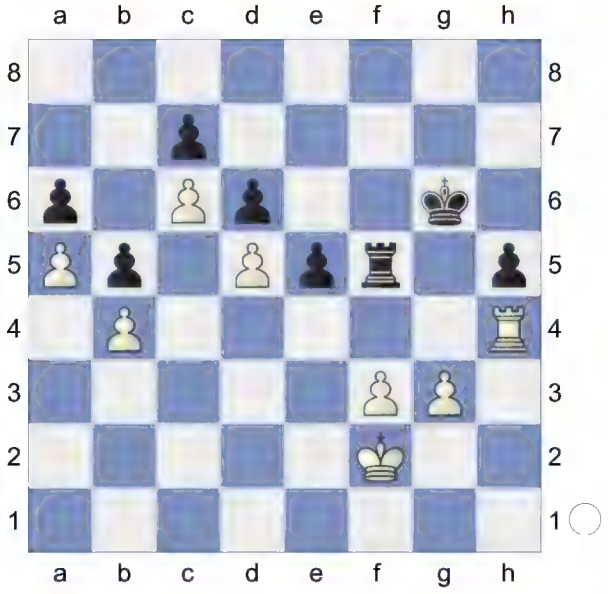


31.b4 0.12/20
[31.f3± 0.61/20 Bh5 32.Kf2]
31...Rbg8= 32.Rh1 Bh5 33.Rh4 Bg6 34.Re3 f5 35.exf5 Bxf5

(Diagram)



36.Bxf5+ Rxf5 Endgame KRR-KRR **37.Rf3 Rgf8 38.Rxf5 Rxf5** KR-KR **39.f3 Kg6 40.Kf2 h5**



41.Ke3 Kg5 42.Ke4 Rf7 43.Rh1 Re7 44.Rg1 Re8 45.Rh1 Rf8

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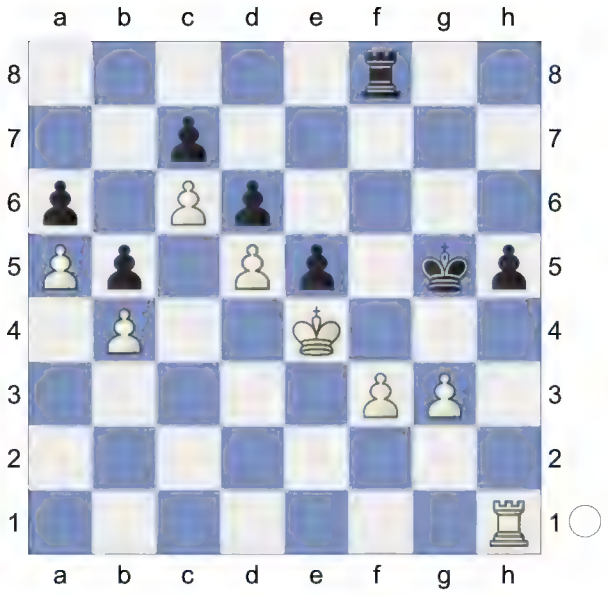

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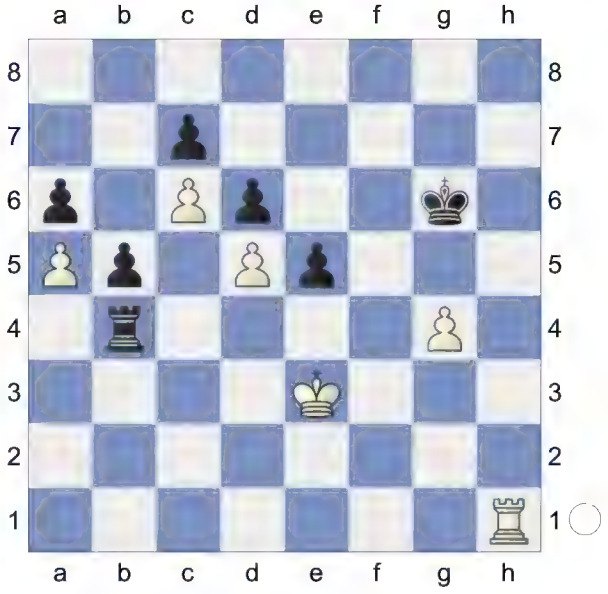

51.Rh8! Rd4 52.Rc8 Rxd5 53.Rxc7 Rc5 54.Rc8 Kg7 55.c7 b4

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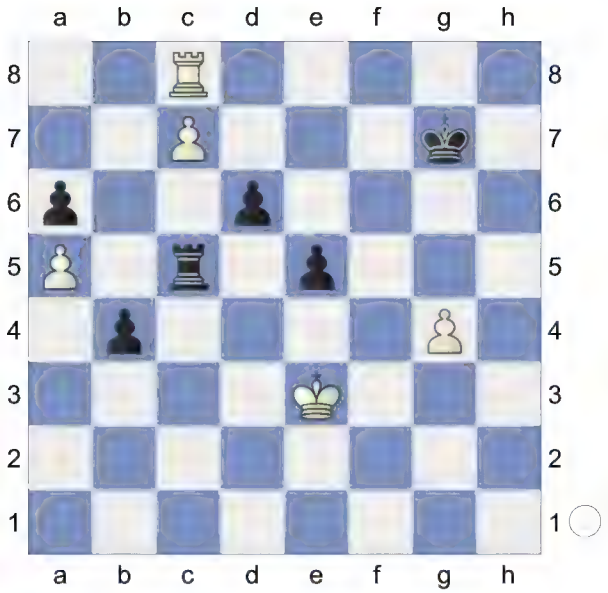

With the idea ...d5!. **56.Ke4 b3**
[56...Rxa5? 57.Rg8+ Kxg8 58.c8Q+ *(58.c8B?* perishes. *Kg7-+)* 58...Kg7 59.Qc7+ Kg6 60.Qxa5+-]
57.Kf5 b2
[Weaker is 57...Rxa5 58.Rg8+ Kf7 59.c8Q *(59.c8R e4+ 60.Kxe4 b2+-)* 59...e4+ 60.Kf4 Re5 61.Rh8 *(61.Qf8+ Ke6 62.Rg6+ Kd5 63.Qxd6+ Kc4 64.Qxe5 Kd3 65.Rc6 Ke2 66.Qb2+ Kd3 67.Rc3+ Kd4 68.Qd2#)* 61...b2 62.Rh7+ *(62.Qxa6 b1Q+-)* 62...Kf6 63.Qf8+ Kg6 64.Rh6#]
58.Rb8 Rxc7 aiming for ...Rf7+.
59.Rxb2 Rc5 60.Rb6 Rxa5

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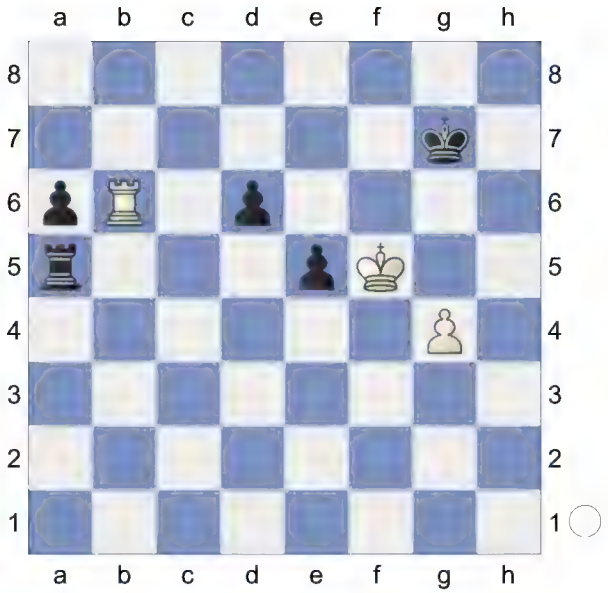
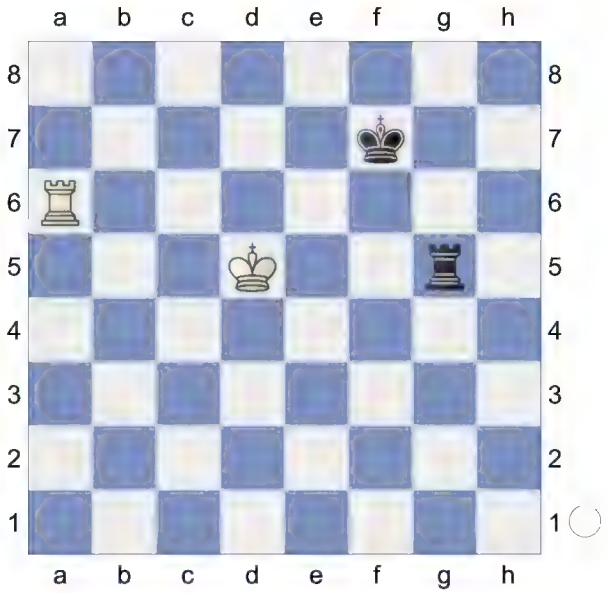


61.Rxd6 Rd7+ is the strong threat.
61...Kf7 62.g5 e4+ Deflection **63.Kxe4 Rxg5 64.Rxa6 Rg4+ 65.Kd5 Rg5+**



66.Kc6 Ke7 67.Kb7 Kd7 68.Rb6 Rc5 69.Ka6 Rc2 70.Rb5 Kc6

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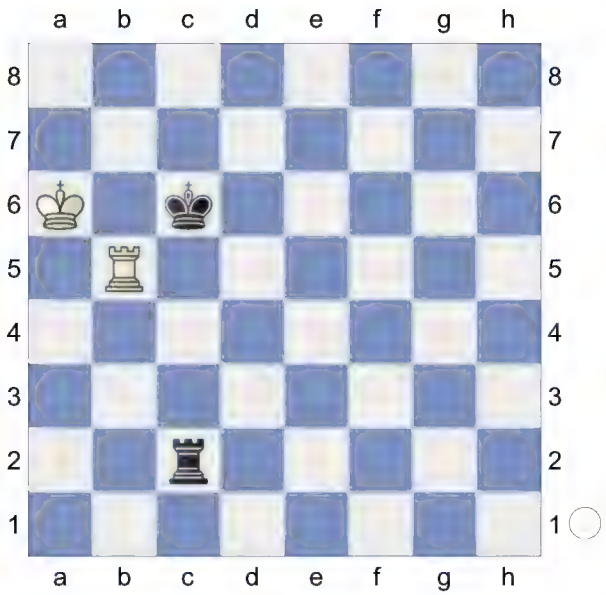
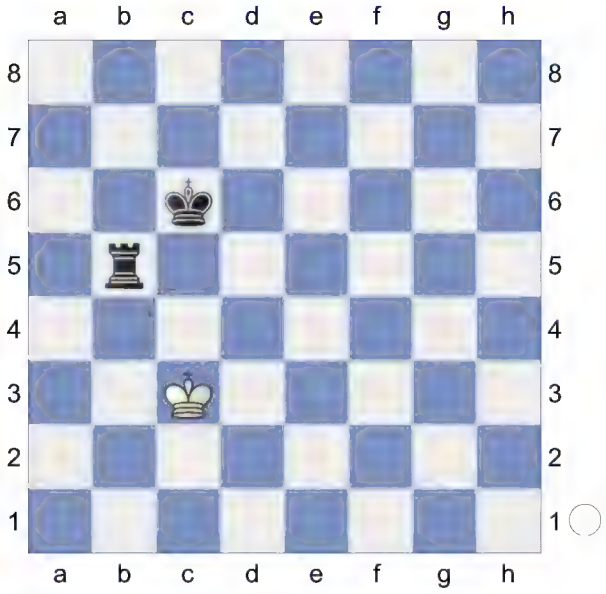


71.Ka5? -#19/24
[71.Re5= 0.00/34]
71...Ra2+ Black mates. **72.Kb4 Rb2+** Skewer, Deflection **73.Kc3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
73...Rxb5



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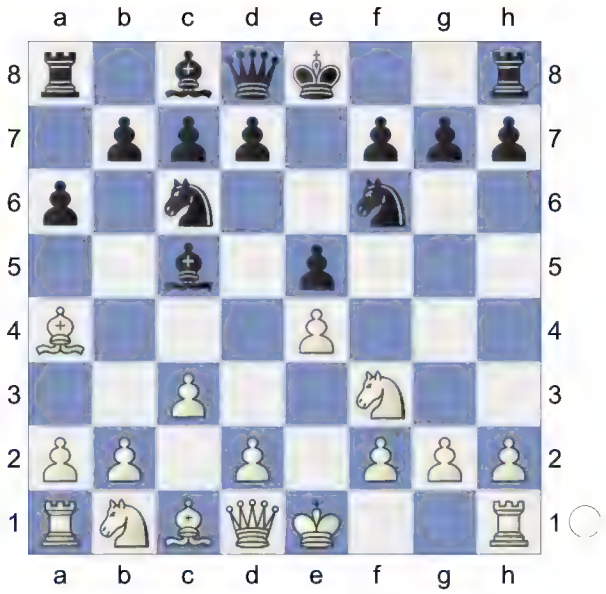
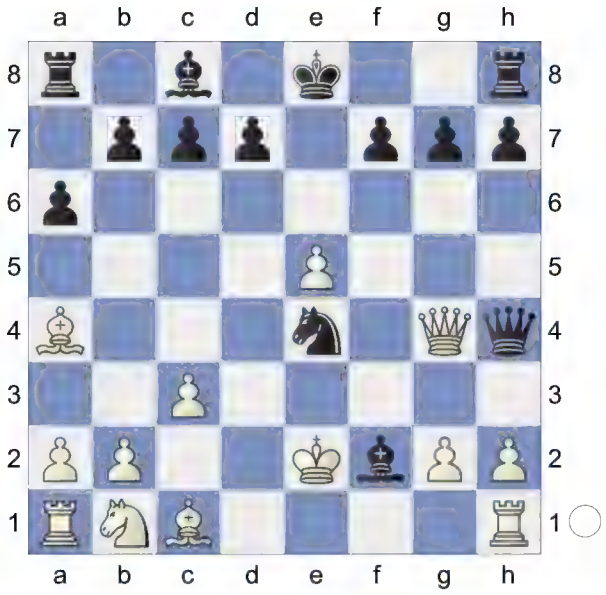
12 **C70**
□ **BoonerBot** **3189**
■ **admonitor** **2836**
Rapid 11.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6

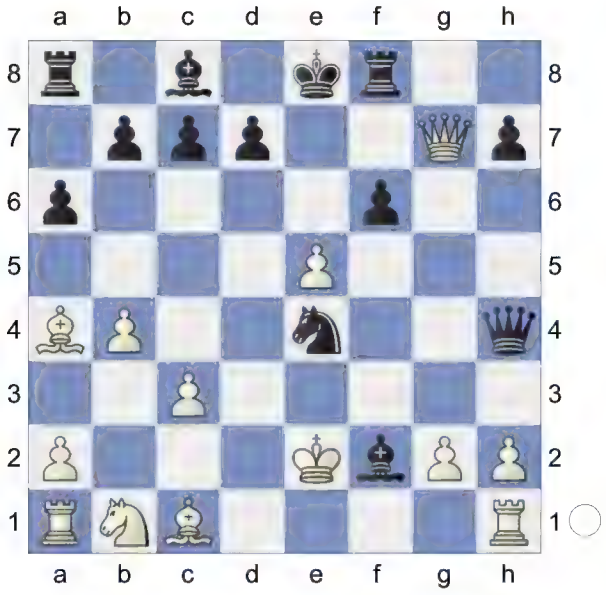


6.d4 Ba7 7.Nxe5 -0.12/18
[7.0-0± 0.53/21]
7...Nxe5= 8.dxe5 Nxe4 9.Qg4 Repels Qh4 **9...Bxf2+**
[9...Nxf2? 10.Qxg7 Rf8 *(10...Nd3+? 11.Kd2+-)* 11.Bg5+-]
10.Ke2! Qh4

(Diagram)



11.Qxg7 Rf8 12.b4! f6N



13.e6! Qh5+ 14.g4! Dancing on a razor blade. White is more active. **14...Qd5 15.Bb3** 0.25/18

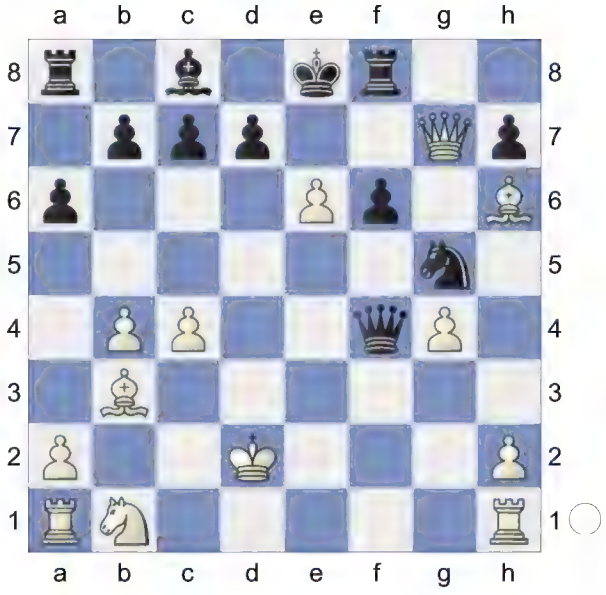
[15.Nd2!± 0.67/20 is superior. b5 *(15...Qxe6 16.Nxe4 Bh4 17.Qxh7+-; 15...Nxc3+? 16.Kxf2 Nxa4 17.Nf3+-)* 16.Nxe4 Remove Defender Qxe4+ 17.Kxf2 Qxh1 18.Qxf8+ Kxf8 19.Bh6+ Ke7 20.Rxh1 bxa4 21.exd7 Bxd7 22.Rg1]

15...Qb5+

16.c4 Qe5

[16...Qxb4? 17.Ba3+- *(17.Qxh7 Qb6+-; 17.exd7+ Bxd7 18.Ba3 Rf7±)*]

17.Bh6! Ng5+ 18.Kxf2 Qd4+ 19.Ke2 Qe4+ 20.Kd2 Qf4+!



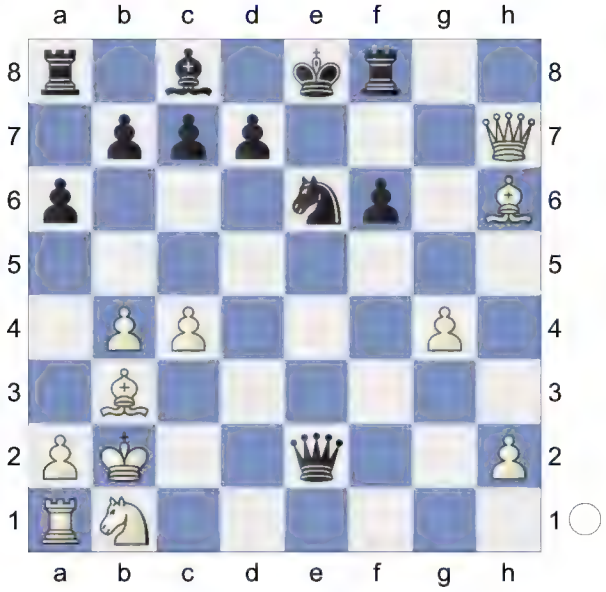
21.Kd1

[21.Kc2?! Qe4+ 22.Kb2 Nxe6±]

21...Qf3+ 22.Kc2 Qe4+ 23.Kb2 Nxe6

(Diagram)

24.Re1! Deflection **24...Qxe1 25.Qxh7 Qe2+**



26.Bc2 Nd4! 27.Nd2 Nxc2! 28.Kxc2 Rf7

[28...Qxh2 29.Re1+]

29.Qg6 White has compensation.

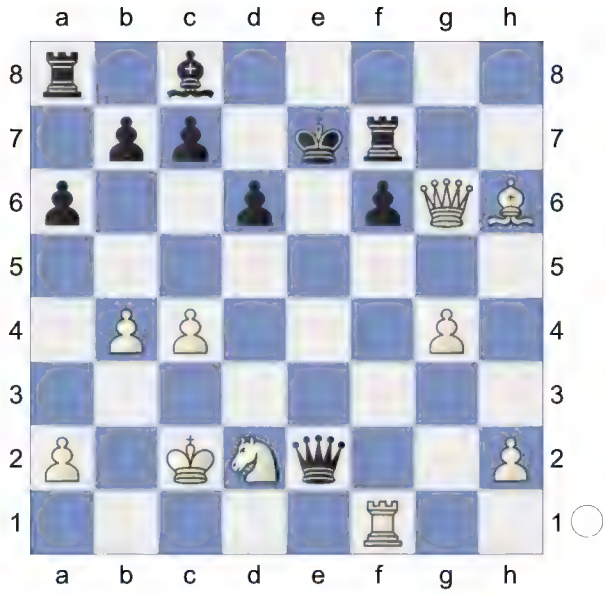
29...d6!

[29...Qxh2 30.Re1+]

30.Rf1 Ke7

[30...Bxg4? 31.Qg8+ *(31.Rxf6 0-0-0+-)* 31...Ke7 32.Qxa8+-]

(Diagram)



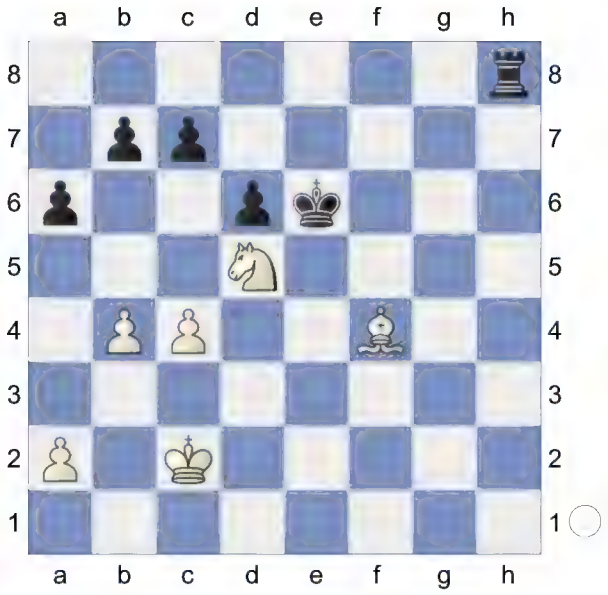
31.Rf4 Be6 32.Re4↑ White has the initiative. **32...Qxh2** And now ...Kd7 would win. **33.Bf4!**

[But not 33.Rxe6+? Kxe6 34.Qe4+ Kd7-+ *(34...Qe5? 35.Qxb7 Re8 36.Qc6-+)*]

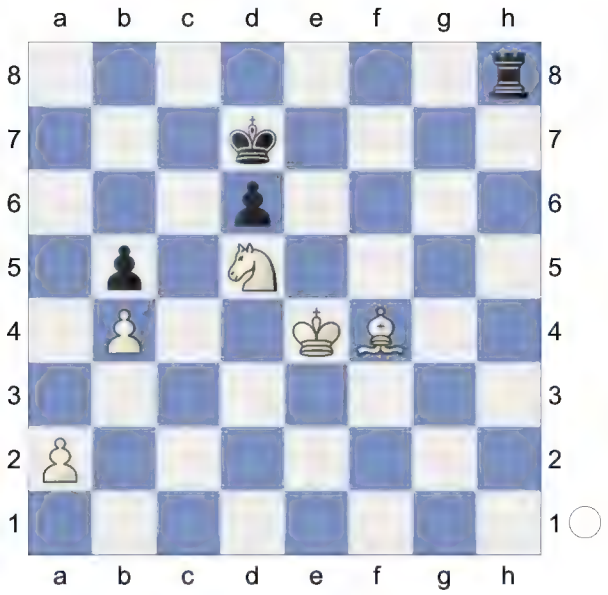
33...Qh7 34.Qf5 Qxf5 35.gxf5 Pin **35...Rh8**

36.Rxe6+ Kd8! 37.Ne4 Re7! 38.Nxf6 Rxe6 39.fxe6 Ke7! 40.Nd5+ Kxe6

(Diagram)



41.Nxc7+ Kd7 42.Nd5 Rh4 43.Kd3 b5 44.cxb5 axb5 45.Ke4 Rh8!

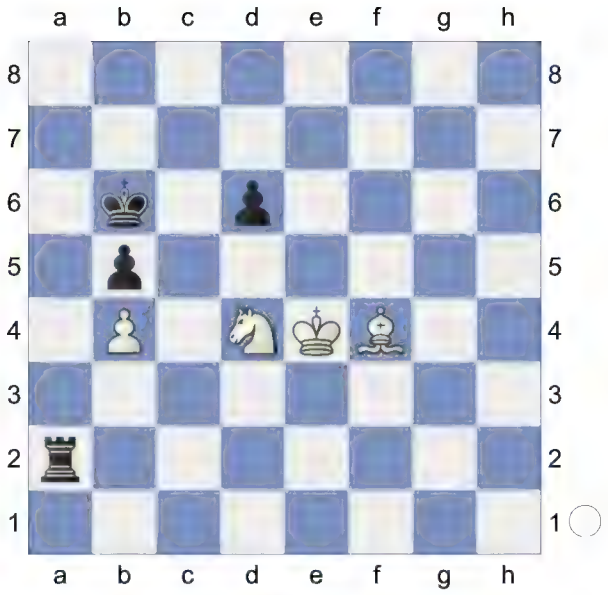


46.Nc3 Kc6 47.Ne2 Re8+ 48.Kd3 Ra8 49.Nd4+ 1.09/27

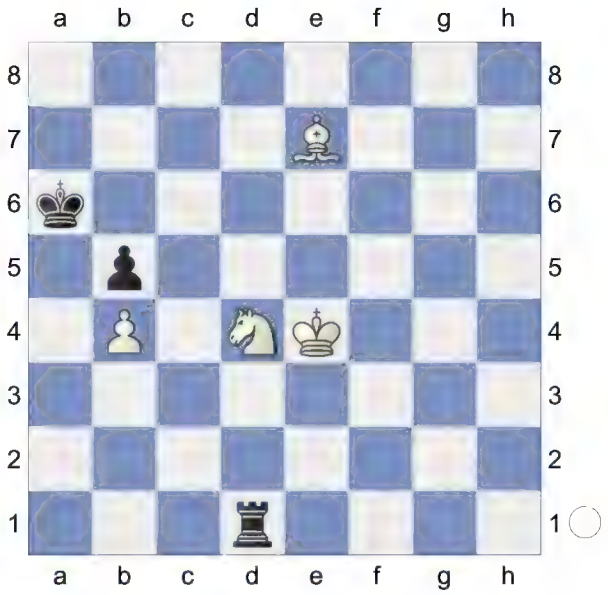
[49.Nc3= 0.18/22]

49...Kb6± 50.Ke4 Rxa2

(Diagram)



51.Bxd6 Rd2 52.Bc5+ Ka6 53.Be7 Rd1



54.Ne6! Kb7 0.93/31

[54...Kb6!= 0.28/30 remains equal.]

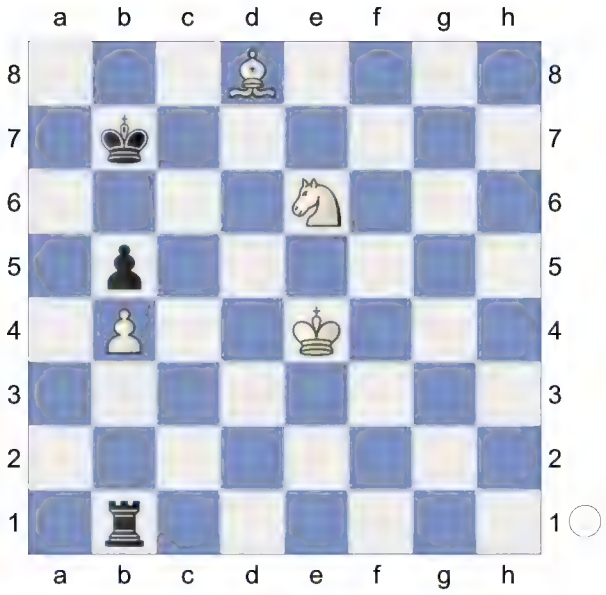
55.Bd8 0.22/31

[55.Bc5± 0.93/31]

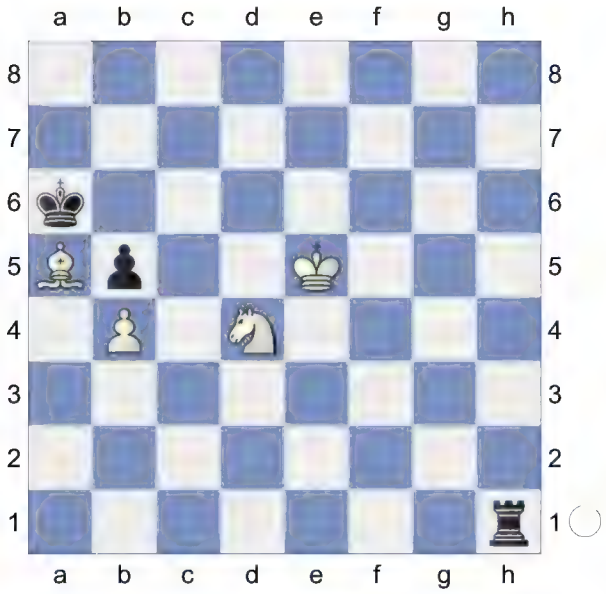
55...Rb1 0.67/31

[55...Kc8= 0.22/31]

(Diagram)

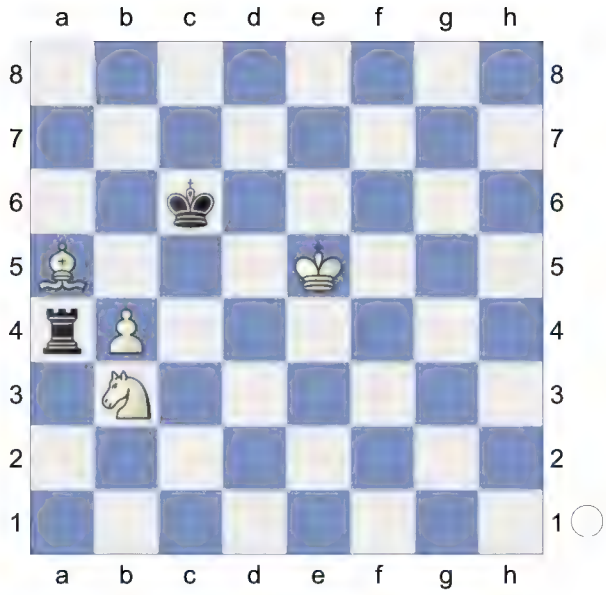


56.Ba5 0.18/36
[56.Be7!± 0.67/31]
56...Rd1 57.Nd4 Ka6! 58.Nb3 Kb7 59.Ke5 Rh1 60.Nd4 Ka6

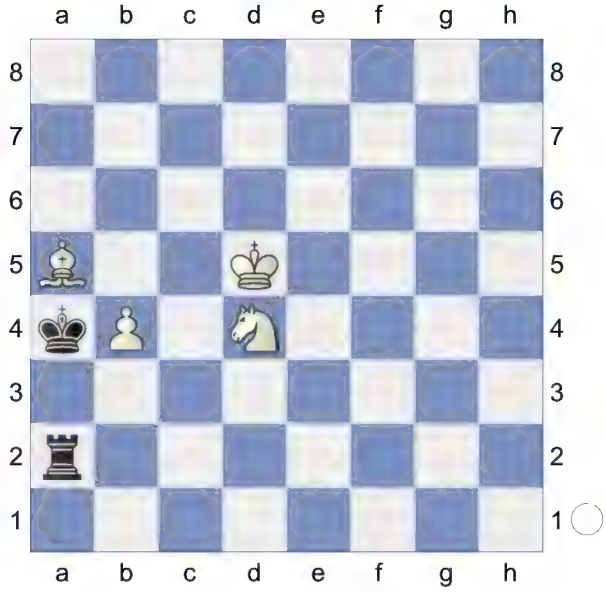


61.Ne6 Rd1! 62.Nc7+ 0.11/30
[62.Nd4± 0.71/26]
62...Kb7= 63.Nxb5 0.00/24
[63.Ne6!± 0.46/22]
63...Ra1! The position is equal. **64.Nd4 Ra4! 65.Nb3 Kc6**

(Diagram)

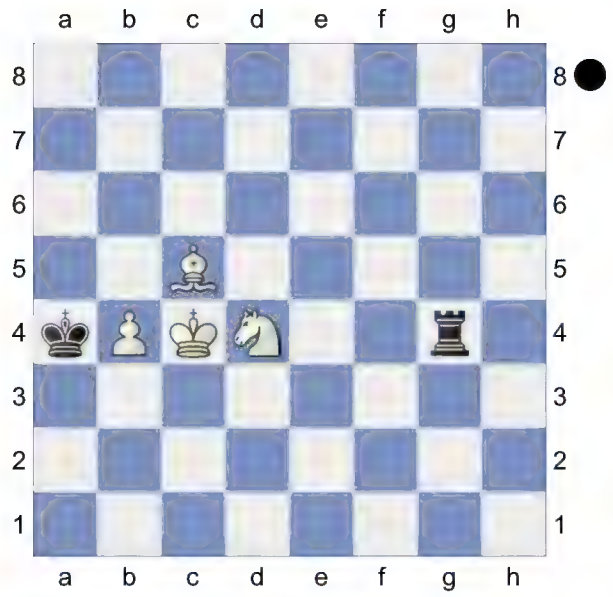


66.Nd4+ Kb7 67.Ke4 Ka6 68.Nc6 Kb5 69.Kd5 Ra2 70.Nd4+ Ka4



71.Kc5 Ra3 72.Kc4 Re3 73.Bb6 and Nb5 would now be decisive
73...Re4! 74.Ba7 Rg4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
75.Bc5

(Diagram)



½-½

13 **C70**
□ **Herushkanamura** **2907**
■ **zvonokchess** **2835**
Blitz 21.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 d6

(Diagram)

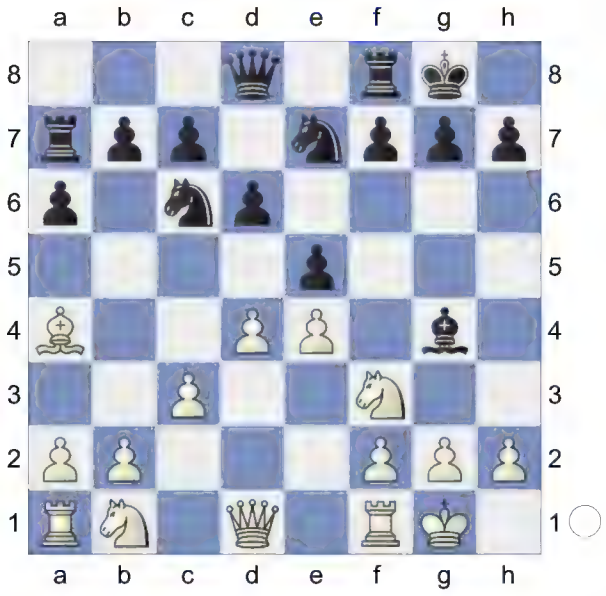
6.d3N -0.22/21
[6.c3± 0.43/19
A) 6...Bd7 7.d4 Ba7 8.Re1 *(8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Nd2 Nf6 11.Bc2 0-0 12.Qf3 Qe7 13.h3 Bb5 14.Re1 Rad8 15.a4 Bc6 16.Nc4 Ne8 17.Na5 Nd6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.a5 Nc4 20.Qe2 Nd6 21.Qxa6 Ra8 22.Qxc6 f5* 1-0 (31) Guliyev,N (2521)-Aradhya,G (2339) Aimchess Play In op rapid 2023 (7)*)* 8...Nge7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 f6 *(10...exd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.e5 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qc1 h6 15.Qc3 f6 16.Bd1 fxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxd1 18.Nxc6 Nxc6 19.Raxd1 Qd7 20.Nb3 Rae8 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 d4 23.Qb3+ Qf7 24.Qxf7+ Rxf7 25.Bd2* ½-½ (26) Roehrich,S (2728)-9.Qd2 b5 10.000 ♘b6 (2616) Katowice op 1992 (6) *)* 11.h3 Kh8 12.Nf1 Be8 13.Ng3 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxa4 16.Qxa4 Qe8 17.Qxe8 Rfxe8 18.Rad1 Kg8 19.f3 Kf7 20.Ne2 a5 21.a4 ½-½ (24) Sevian,S (2687)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2691)

Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2023 (7);
B) 6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.d3 Nge7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nh4 Kh8 12.Ndf3 d5 13.Qe2 f6 14.Nxg6+ Nxg6 15.Bd2 Qd6 16.Rad1 b5 17.Bb3 d4 18.Bd5 Rad8 19.Bxc6 Qxc6 20.cxd4 Bxd4 21.Rc1 ½-½ (42) Grischuk,A (2759)-Petrov,N (2519) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (2)]

6...Nge7 0.19/20
[6...b5 -0.22/21 7.Bb3 Na5]

7.Be3 Ba7 8.Bxa7 The position is equal. **8...Rxa7 9.d4 0-0 10.c3** -0.28/21
[⌓10.Bxc6 0.12/19 Nxc6 11.dxe5]

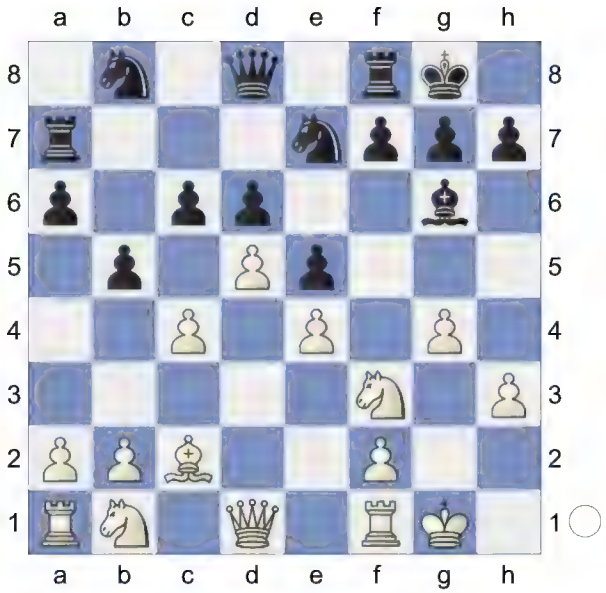
10...Bg4



11.d5! Nb8 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 -0.15/20
[⌓13.Nbd2 0.22/20]

13...Bg6 14.Bc2 c6 15.c4 b5

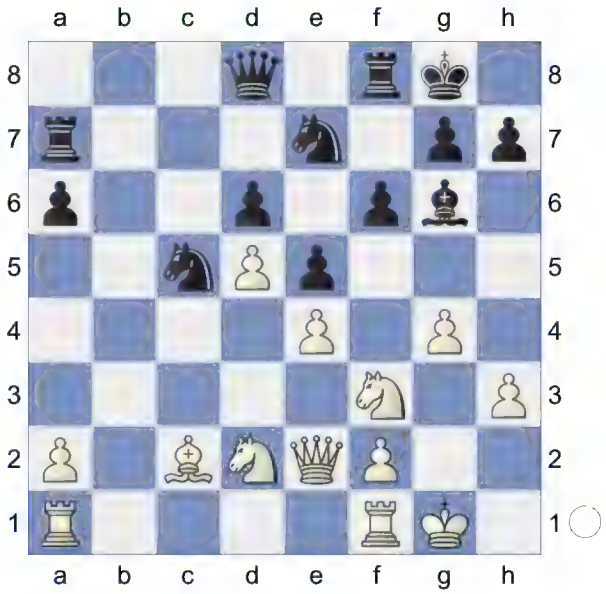
(Diagram)



16.b3 bxc4 17.bxc4 cxd5 18.cxd5 Nd7 19.Nbd2 Nc5 -0.03/19
[Black should try 19...Rc7∓ -0.56/19 20.Bb3 Nc5]

20.Qe2? -1.87/19
[20.Nh4= -0.03/19]

20...f6? 0.30/20
[20...Nxd5-+ -1.87/19 Strongly threatening ...Nf4. 21.exd5 Bxc2]



21.Nb3 Rc7 22.Rac1 -0.43/20
[22.Nxc5± 0.32/21 Rxc5 23.Rfb1]

22...Be8 -0.05/22

[22...Na4∓ -0.43/20 might be stronger. 23.Bd3 Nc3]

23.Nxc5= Rxc5 24.Bd3 -0.62/21

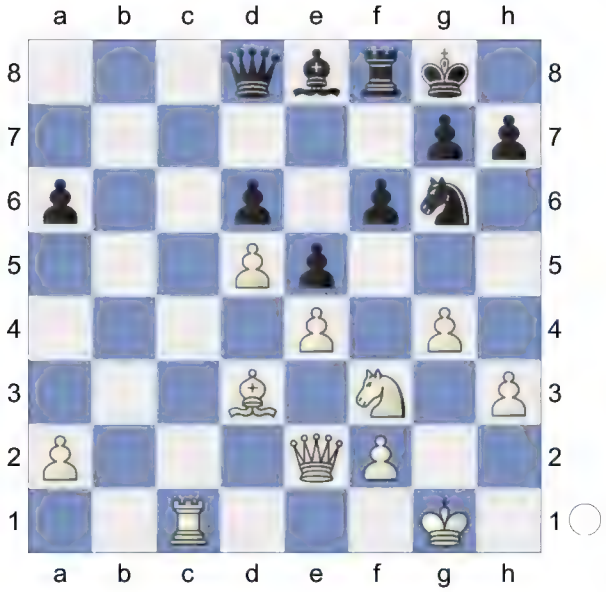
[24.Qxa6? Bb5 25.Qa7 Bxf1 26.Kxf1 Ng6-+]

[24.Nh4= -0.01/20]

24...Rxc1 0.05/15

[24...Ng6!∓ -0.62/21 25.Rxc5 *(25.Bxa6 Ra5∓)* 25...Nf4]

25.Rxc1 Ng6



Wards off Nh4 **26.Qe3**

[26.Bxa6 Qb6=]

26...Nf4 27.Bf1 h5 ...hxg4 poses a challenge **28.Nh4** -0.58/21

[28.Nd4= -0.03/21]

28...hxg4 -0.21/21

[28...f5!∓ -0.58/21 29.Nxf5 g6]

29.hxg4 g6 0.44/21

[29...f5= -0.21/22 30.Nxf5 g6]

30.Ng2!±

[30.Bxa6 f5 31.Ng2 fxg4 32.Nxf4 exf4∓]

30...Nxg2

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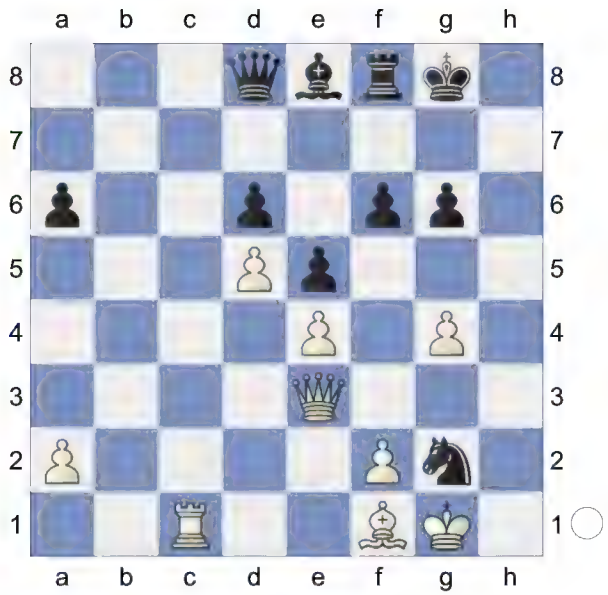


31.Kxg2 f5 32.Be2 -0.13/18

[White should play 32.exf5!± 0.87/20 And now Bd3 would win. Qh4 33.Be2 *(33.Bxa6 Qxg4+ 34.Qg3 Qxf5=; 33.Qg3 Qxg3+ 34.Kxg3 gxf5±)*]

32...f4 0.57/20

[32...fxe4= -0.13/18 33.Rc4 Qa5]

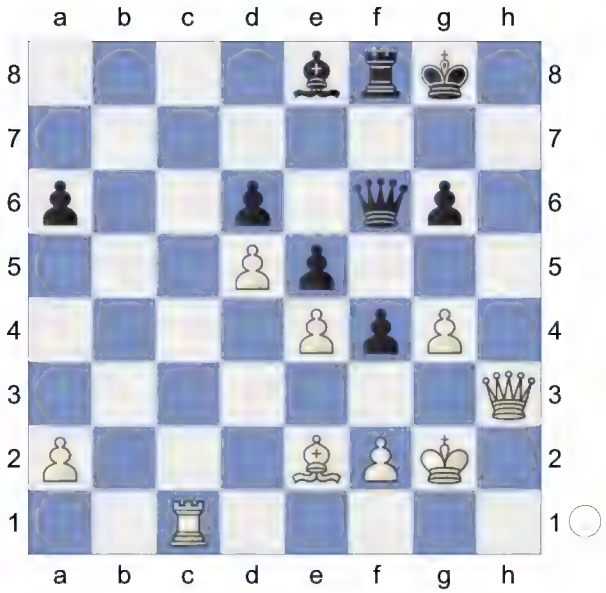
33.Qh3 0.19/21

[33.Qa7± 0.57/20]

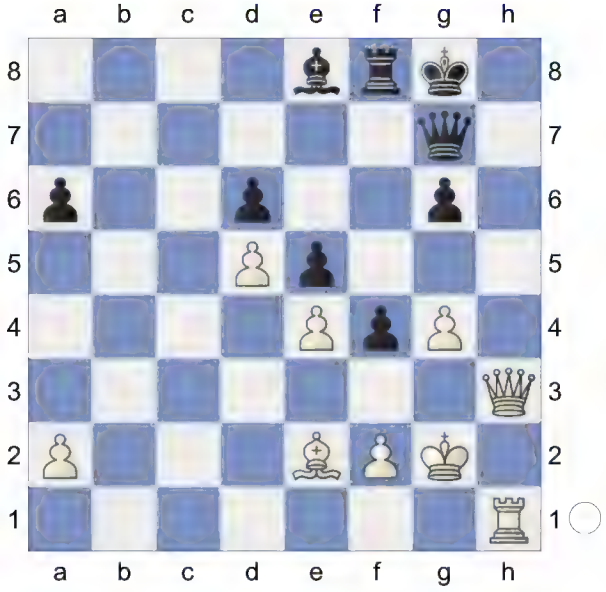
Black is on the road to losing. **33...Qf6** 1.38/18

[33...Rf7!= 0.19/21 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



34.Rh1 0.21/19 White is more active.
[34.Bxa6?! f3+ 35.Kg1 Qf4=]
[34.Rc7!± 1.38/18 Rf7 35.Rxf7 Kxf7 36.Bxa6]
34...Qg7 2.76/19
[34...Rf7= 0.21/19]



Wards off Qh7+ **35.g5!+-**
[35.Bxa6 f3+ 36.Kg3 Bd7±]
35...Bd7

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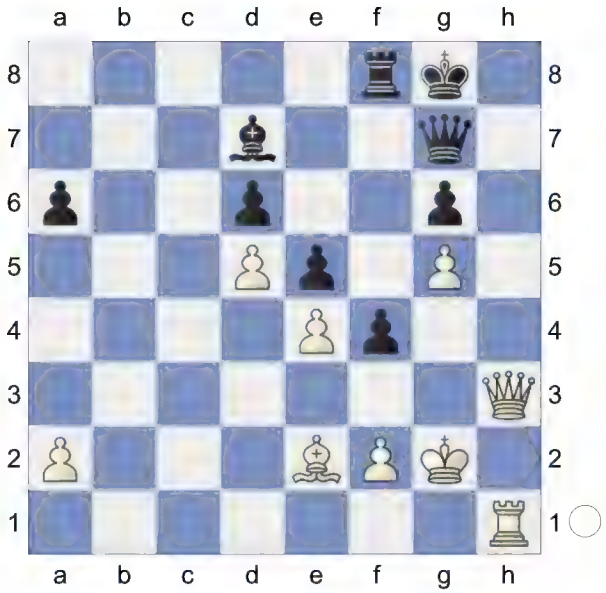
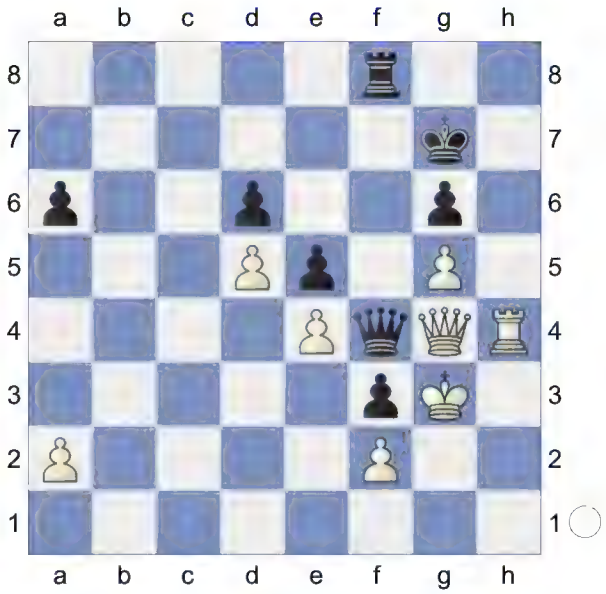


36.Bg4 f3+ 37.Kg3
[37.Bxf3? Bxh3+ 38.Rxh3 Qf7-+]
37...Bxg4 38.Qxg4 Endgame KQR-KQR
[And not 38.Kxg4 Qd7+ 39.Kg3 Qxh3+ 40.Rxh3 Kg7=]
38...Qf7 39.Rh6 Kg7 40.Rh4? 0.79/22
[40.Kh3+- 3.23/23 and White stays clearly on top.]
40...Qf4+? 7.01/26



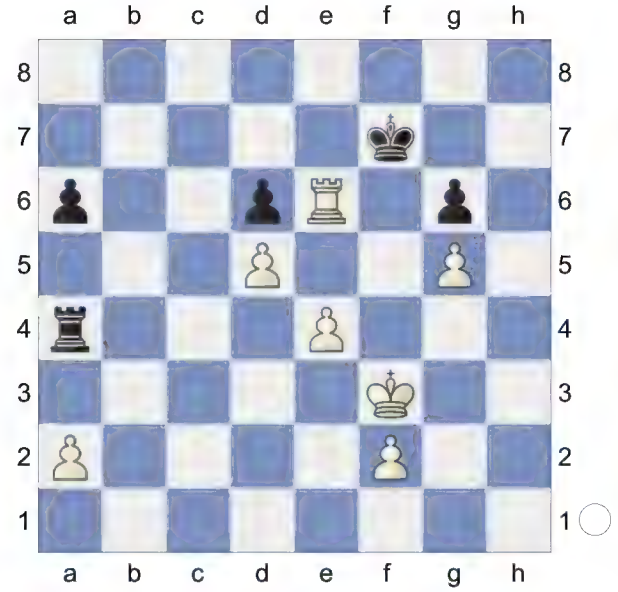
41.Qxf4 White is clearly winning.
41...exf4+ 42.Rxf4 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **42...Rb8 43.Rf6 Rb4 44.Re6**

[44.Rxd6 Rxe4 45.Rd7+ *(45.Kxf3 Ra4+-; 45.Rxa6 Re5+-)* 45...Kf8 46.Kxf3 Re5±]

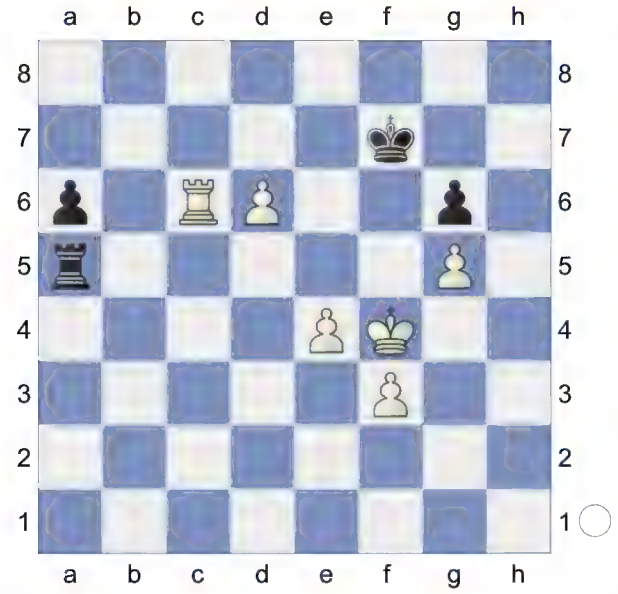
44...Ra4 45.Kxf3

[45.Rxd6 Rxe4 46.Re6 *(46.Kxf3 Re5±; 46.Rxa6 Re5=)* 46...Re2 47.Kxf3 *(47.Rxa6 Re5+-)* 47...Rxa2+-]

45...Kf7



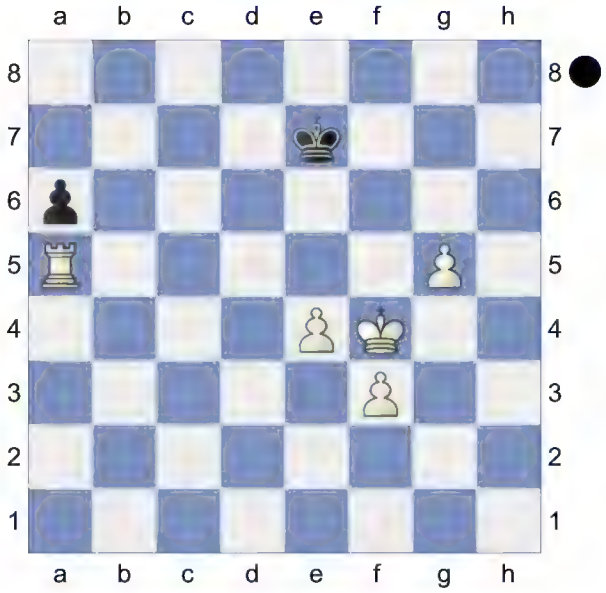
46.Rxd6 Kg7 47.Kf4 Ra3 48.f3 Rxa2 49.Rc6 Ra5 50.d6 Intending d7 and mate. **50...Kf7**



51.d7 Ke7 52.Rxg6 Kd8 53.Rf6 Kxd7 54.Rf5 Ke7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.69

55.Rxa5



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14 **C70**

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2767**

■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2802**

SpeedChess Final 2024 (1.12) 06.09.24

[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

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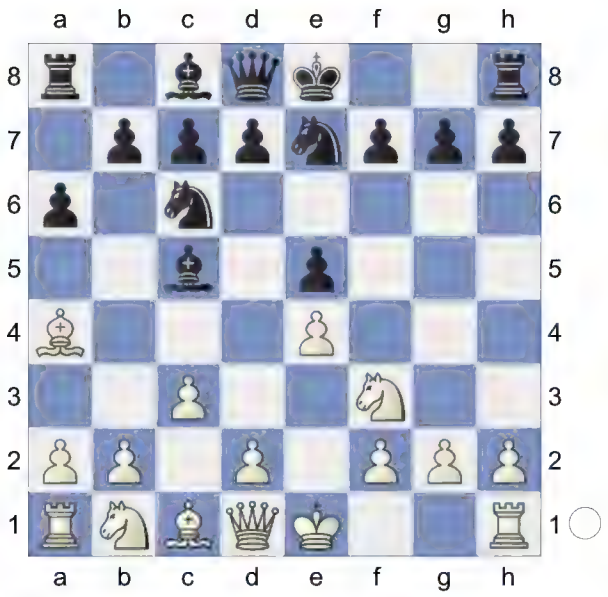
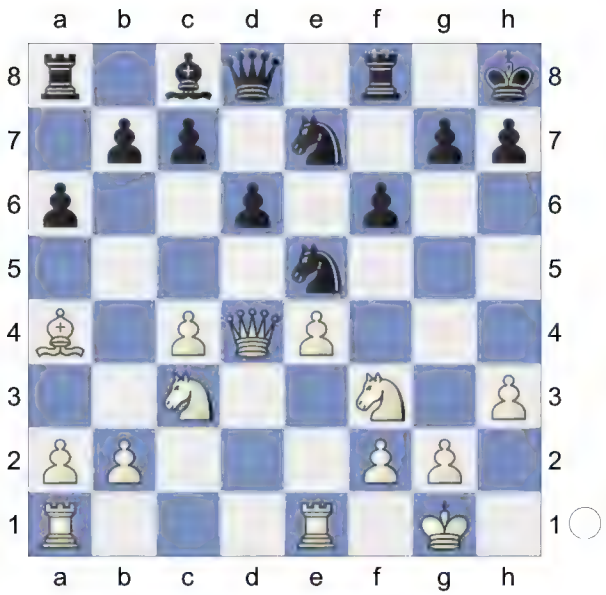


6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Re1 Kh8
[10...d6 11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.h3 exd4 13.Nxd4 *(13.cxd4 Nce7 14.Bc2 c6 15.Nf1 f5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 Qd7 18.Nxf5 Nxf5 19.Ng5 h6 20.Qg4 Rad8 21.Nf3 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Qxg4 23.hxg4 Ne7 24.g5 c5 25.Rad1 cxd4 26.exd4 Nc6 27.Kh2 Rxf3* 1-0 (72) Martinez Alcantara,J (2591)-Makarian,R (2534) Titled Tue 21st Jun Early blitz 2022 (4)*)* 13...Nxd4 14.Bxd4 f5 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.Nf3 fxe4 17.Rxe4 Bf5 18.Re3 b5 19.Bb3 c5 20.a4 c4 21.Qd4 Raf7 22.Bd1 d5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ne5 Nxe5 25.Rxe5 ½-½ (60) Adams,M (2737)-Polgar,J (2732) Sofia MTel Masters 1st 2005 (1)]

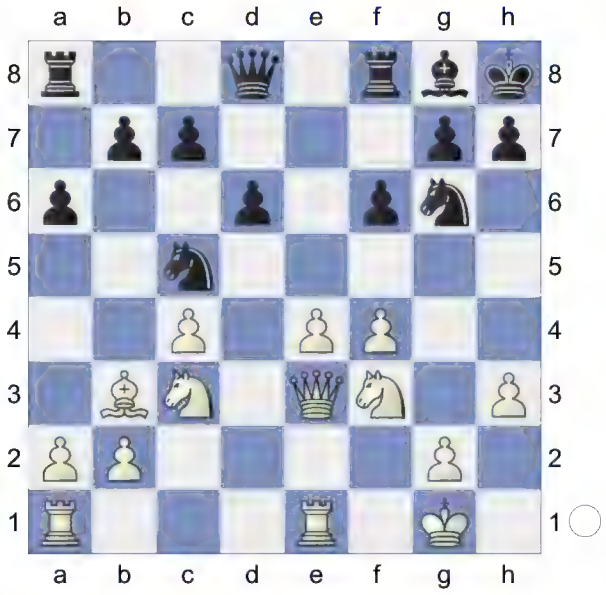
(Diagram)

11.h3
[11.Nbd2 exd4 12.cxd4 d5 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Rc1 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 f5 18.Nc5 f4 19.Bd2 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Qxd4 21.Qc3 Qd8 22.Rxc6 Rf7 23.f3 Qd7 24.Re2 Nh4 25.Qc4 Nf5 1-0 (29) Kamsky,G (2609)-Dyachuk,A (2266) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late blitz 2024 (3)]
11...Nce7N
[11...d5 12.exd5 Qxd5 13.dxe5 Qxd1 14.Bxd1 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Ncxe5 12) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.O-O-12 O-12 | 6.O-O: 8.Lg5 Nebenvarian Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]
12.c4 d6 13.Nc3 exd4 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 -0.02/19
[15.Nxd4± 0.36/21 feels stronger. f5 16.exf5 Nxf5 17.Bc2]
15...Ne5=

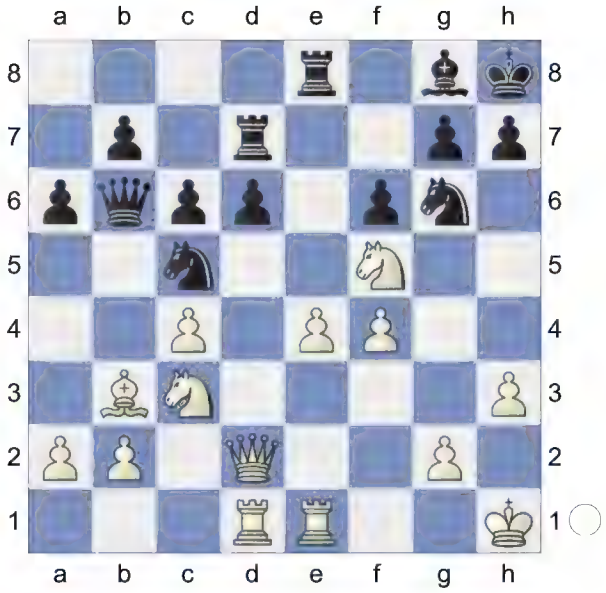
(Diagram)



16.Nd2 N7g6 17.Qe3 Be6 18.Bb3 Bg8 0.66/20
[18...f5!= 0.15/19 19.f4 Nc6]
19.f4± Nd7 20.Nf3 0.28/18
[20.Rad1± 0.72/18]
20...Nc5=



21.Nd4 Re8 22.Qd2 -0.44/19
[22.Rad1± 0.37/20]
22...c6 0.07/18
[Black should play 22...a5!∓ -0.44/19]
23.Nf5 Qb6 0.27/21
[⌓23...b5 -0.15/22]
24.Kh1↑ White has good play. **24...Rad8**
25.Rad1
[25.Nxd6? Rxd6 *(25...Re6? 26.Na4-+)* 26.Qxd6 Rd8-+]
25...Rd7



26.Qf2 -0.12/19
[26.Nxd6 Red8 27.e5 fxe5 28.fxe5 Nxe5=]
[White should try 26.Na4± 0.41/21 Nxa4 27.Bxa4]
26...Qc7 0.63/17
[26...Red8!= -0.12/19]
27.h4 -0.27/19
[27.Bc2± 0.63/17]
27...Ne7 White must now prevent ... Nxf5. **28.Nd4 Nc8** 0.34/19
[28...Rdd8= -0.27/20]
29.h5 Nb6 1.13/20
[29...Nxb3= 0.08/19 keeps the balance. 30.axb3 h6]
30.h6± g6 2.14/19
[30...gxh6± 0.80/17 31.Nf5 Rf8 32.Nxh6 Qd8]

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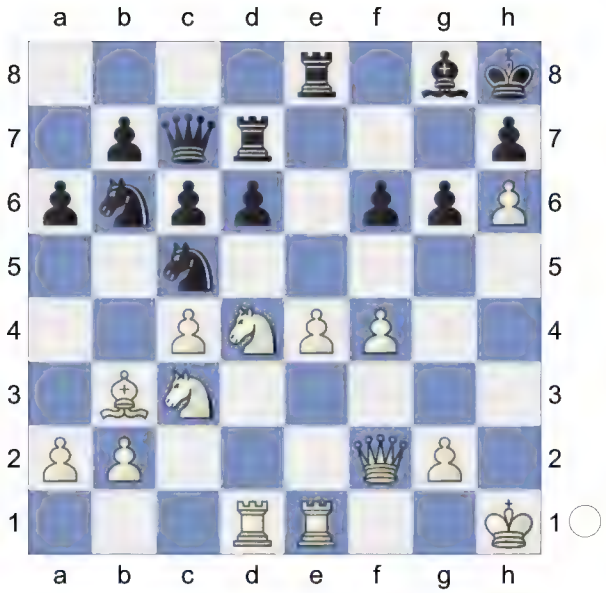
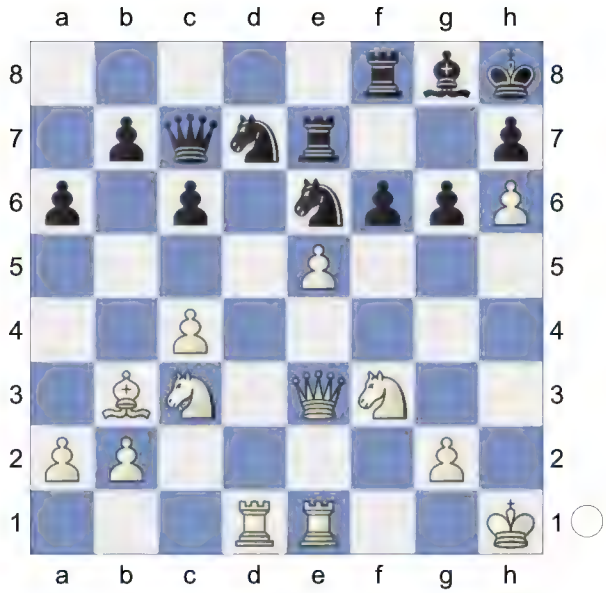


31.Nf3!+- Rf8 32.Qd4 0.73/19
[32.e5+- 2.09/20 and exd6 should not be overlooked Nxb3 33.exd6 *(33.axb3 dxe5 34.fxe5 fxe5±)* 33...Rxd6 34.axb3]
32...Ne6 1.21/18
[⌓32...Qd8 0.73/19]
33.Qe3± Re7 2.64/18
[33...Rdd8± 1.23/17 34.Re2 a5]
34.e5!+- dxe5 35.fxe5 Nd7 3.24/22
[35...fxe5 1.86/19 36.Nxe5 *(36.Qxe5+ Qxe5 37.Nxe5 Nc8+-)* 36...Rf5]

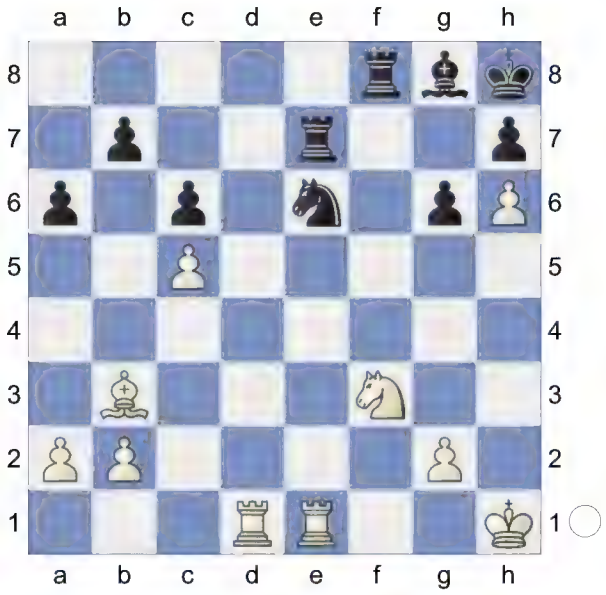
(Diagram)



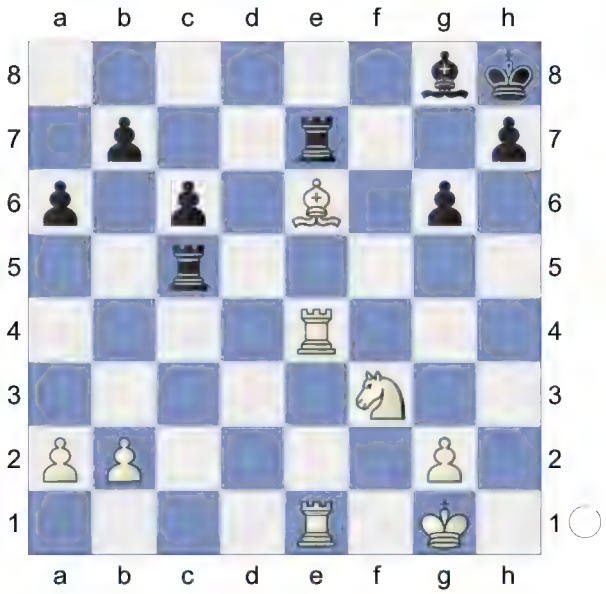
36.exf6? 1.17/20
[36.Nd5!+- 3.24/22 is the precise move to win. cxd5 37.cxd5]
36...Nxf6±

37.Ne4! White is much more active.
37...Nxe4 38.Qxe4 Qf4? 3.67/19
[38...c5± 1.13/17 is a better defense.]
39.Qxf4+- Rxf4 40.c5 Rf8

(Diagram)



41.Re5 Black is weak on the dark squares **41...Rf5?** 4.79/23
[41...Ree8 2.64/19 42.Rde1 Nc7]
42.Re4 Rh5+ 43.Kg1 Rxh6 44.Rde1 Rh5
[44...g5? 45.Nxg5 Rh5 46.Nxe6+- *(46.Bxe6 Rxg5 47.Bxg8 Rxe4=)*]
45.Bxe6 Rxc5



46.Bxg8 Discovered Attack **46...Rxe4**
47.Rxe4 Kxg8 Endgame KRN-KR
48.Re7 b5 49.Kf2 g5 50.g4 h6

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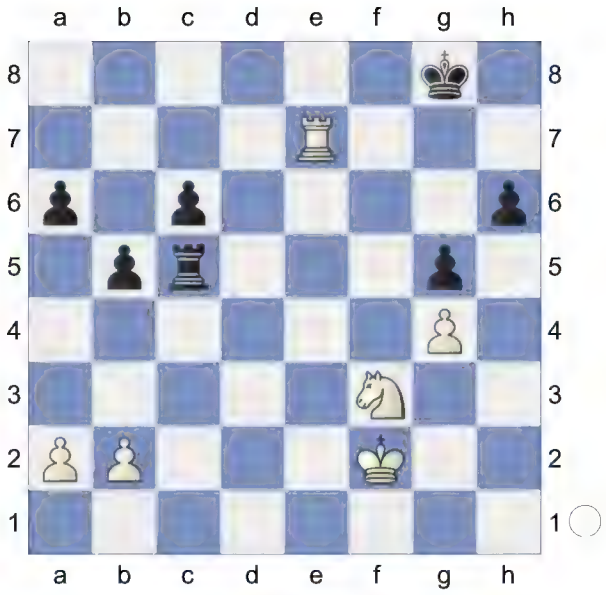
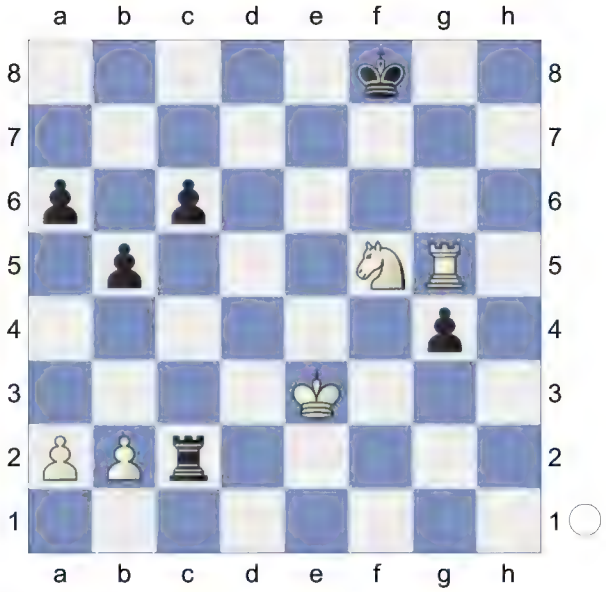
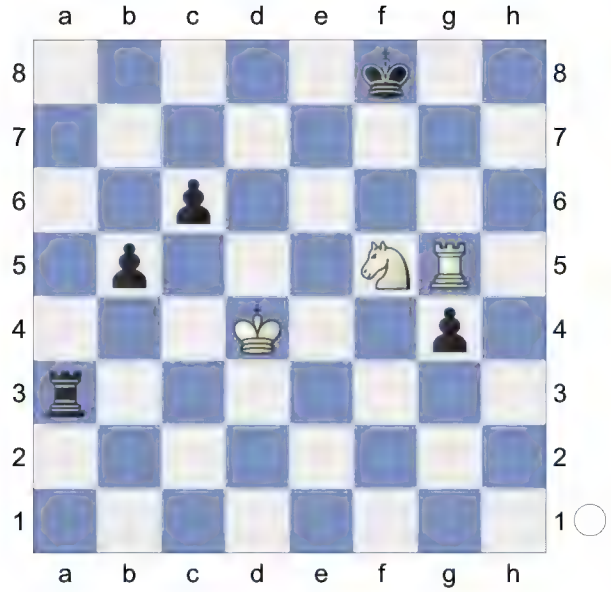


51.Nd4 Rc4 52.Nf5 h5 53.Rg7+? 0.64/19
[53.gxh5 Rf4+ 54.Kg3 Rxf5=]
[53.Nh6++- 3.22/20 Kf8 54.Rf7+ Ke8 55.gxh5]
53...Kf8± 54.Rxg5 0.01/19
[54.Rc7!± 0.68/19 Rc2+ 55.Kg3 h4+ 56.Kh3]
54...Rc2+= 55.Ke3 hxg4



56.b4 Rc4 57.a3 a5 58.bxa5 Ra4
59.a6 Deflection **59...Rxa6 60.Kd4**
[But not 60.Rxg4?! Rxa3+ 61.Kd2 Ke8±]

60...Rxa3



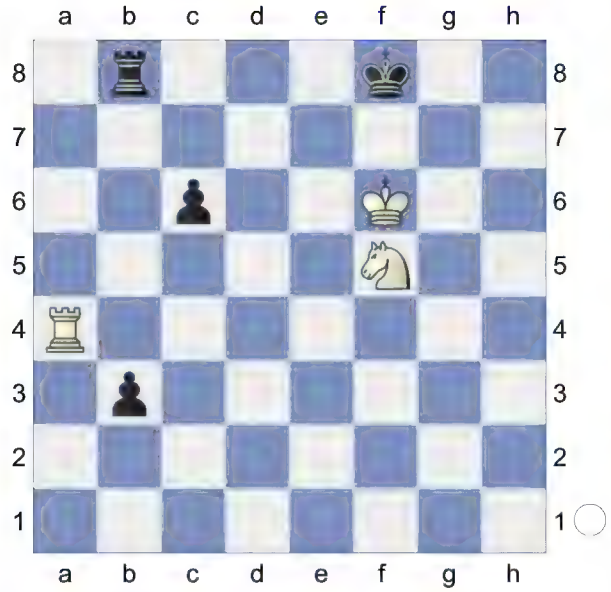
61.Ke5

[61.Rxg4? is the wrong capture. Ra4+ 62.Kc3 Rxg4-+]

61...b4 62.Rxg4 b3 63.Rb4 Threatening mate with Rb8+. **63...Ra5+ 64.Kf6 Rb5** 8.35/27

[64...Ke8= 0.03/24]

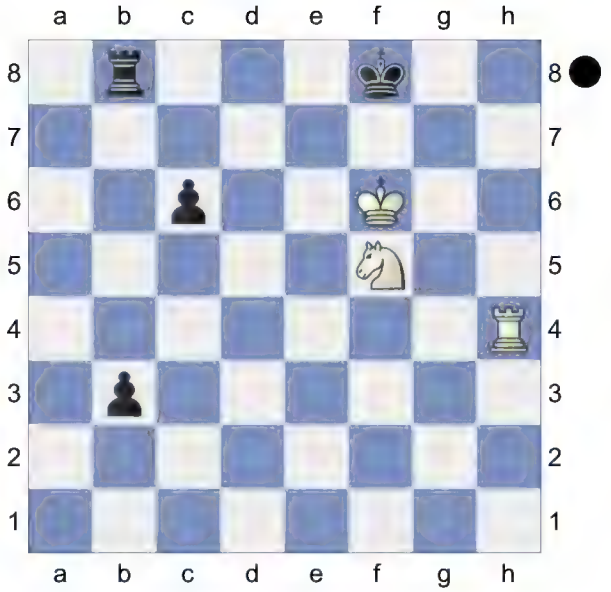
65.Ra4 Rb8



Prevents Ra8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.47

66.Rh4



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15 **C70**

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**

■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2794**

12th Norway Chess 2024 (2.1) 28.05.24

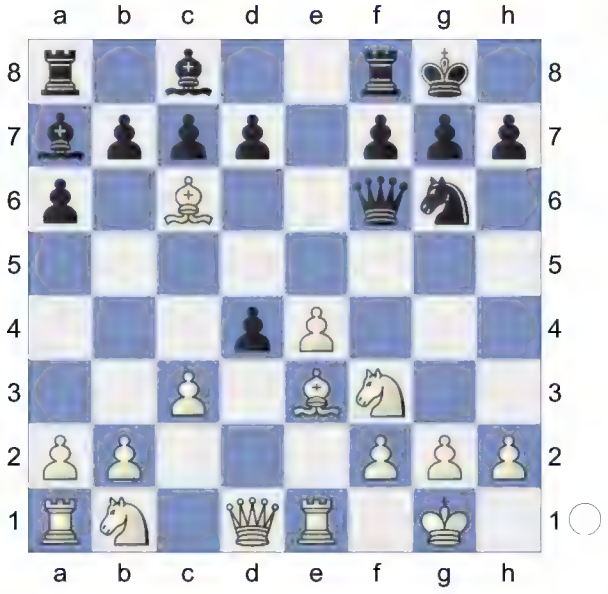
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

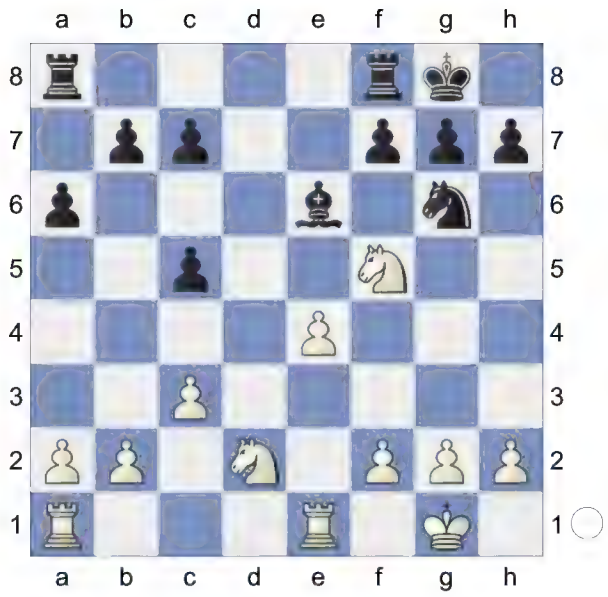
(Diagram)

6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Re1 0-0
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 Qf6**
10.Bxc6 exd4

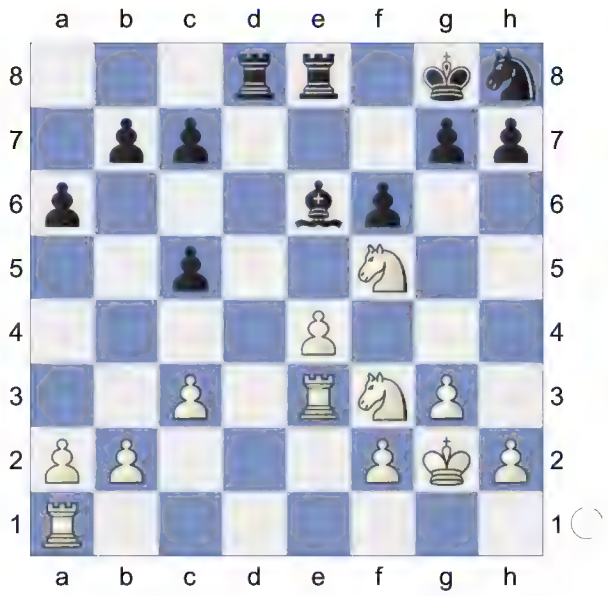


11.Bxd4 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Qxd4
13.Nxd4 -0.09/20
[⌓13.cxd4 0.27/21 dxc6 14.Nc3]
13...dxc6= 14.Nd2N c5 15.Nf5 Be6

(Diagram)



16.Nf3 Rad8 17.g3 Rfe8 18.Kg2 f6
19.Re3 -0.77/20
[19.b4∓ -0.31/19]
19...Nh8



20.h3 g6

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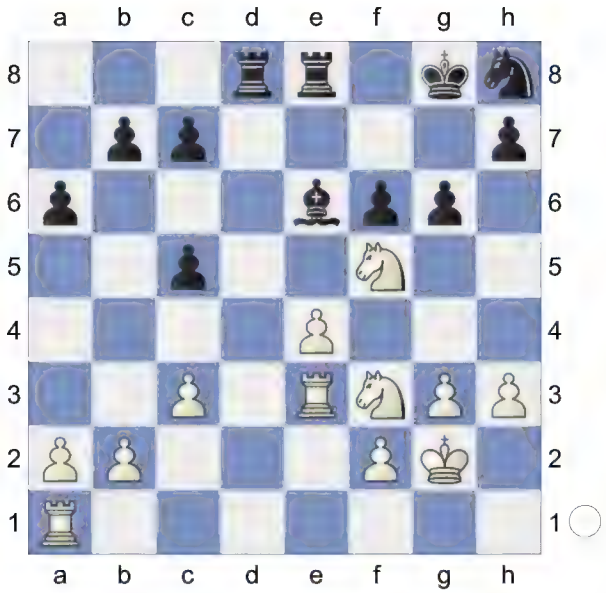
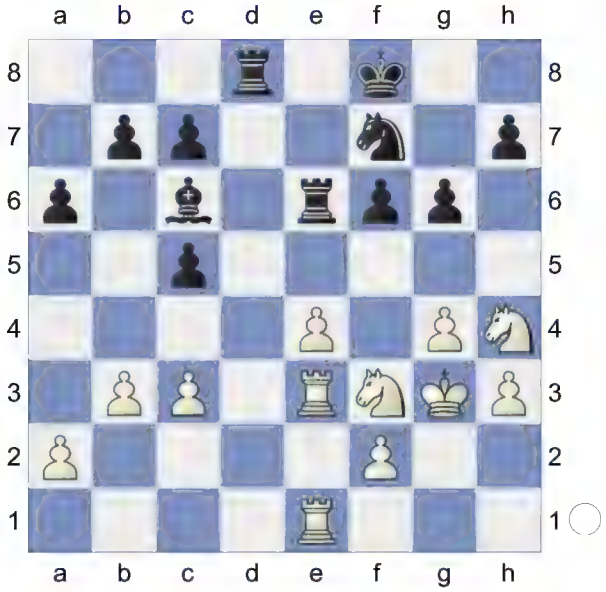


21.N5h4 Nf7 22.g4 Bd7 23.Rae1 Bc6 aiming for ...Nd6. **24.Kg3 Re6 25.b3 Kf8**



26.c4 a5 27.a4 b6 28.Ng2 g5 Prevents Nf4 **29.R1e2 Rd1 30.Nfe1 Red6**

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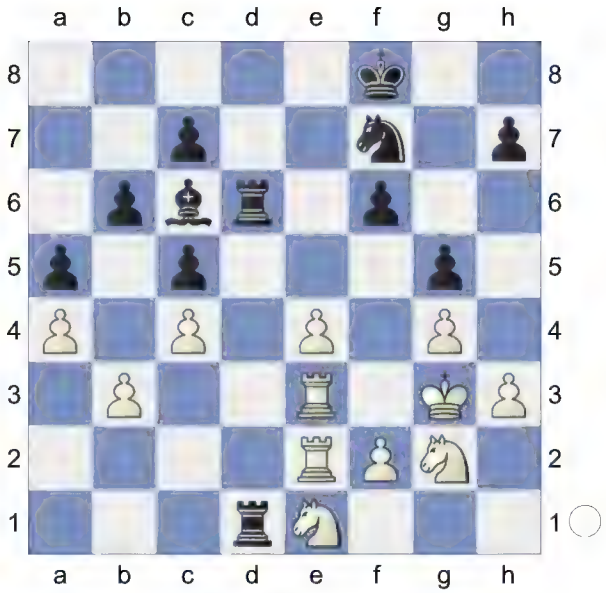
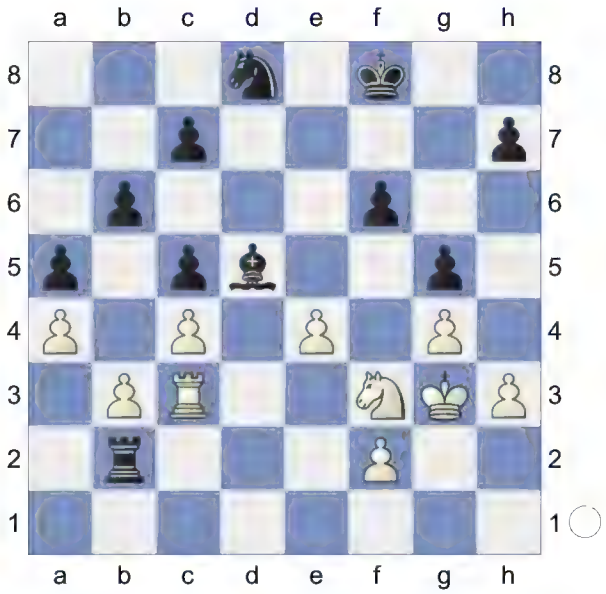


31.Rc3 Nd8 -0.07/20
[31...Ra1∓ -0.43/20]
32.Ne3 R1d2 0.00/24
[32...Rb1∓ -0.37/19 is superior. 33.Nd5 Ne6]
33.Rxd2 The position is equal.
33...Rxd2 34.Nf3 Rb2 35.Nd5!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
35...Bxd5



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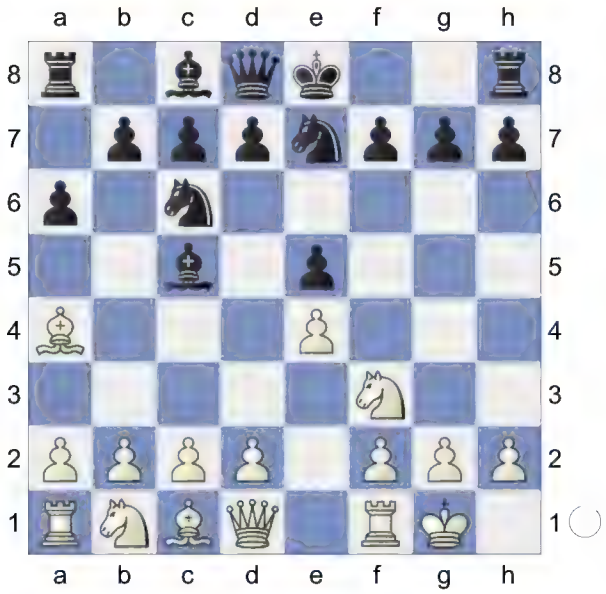
16 **C70**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2794**
12th Norway Armageddon (2.1) 28.05.24
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7



6.Nxe5! Remove Defender, Decoy **6...Nxe5 7.d4 b5 8.Bb3** White is slightly better. **8...Bxd4 9.Qxd4 d6** Threatens to win with ...c5. **10.c3**

[10.f4!? c5 11.Qd2= *(11.Qc3 N5g6±)*]

[10.Qe3 c5 11.c3 0-0 12.Qg3 c4 13.Bc2 f5 14.Bg5 Qe8 15.Nd2 N7g6 16.f4 Nd3 17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.Rae1 Qc6 19.h4 fxe4 20.h5 d5 21.hxg6 Qxg6 22.Nb3 a5 23.Bh4 Qxg3 24.Bxg3 Bg4 1-0 (64) McShane,L (2674)-Matlakov,M (2688) EU-Cup Online Play-C rapid 2021 (2.3)]

10...0-0

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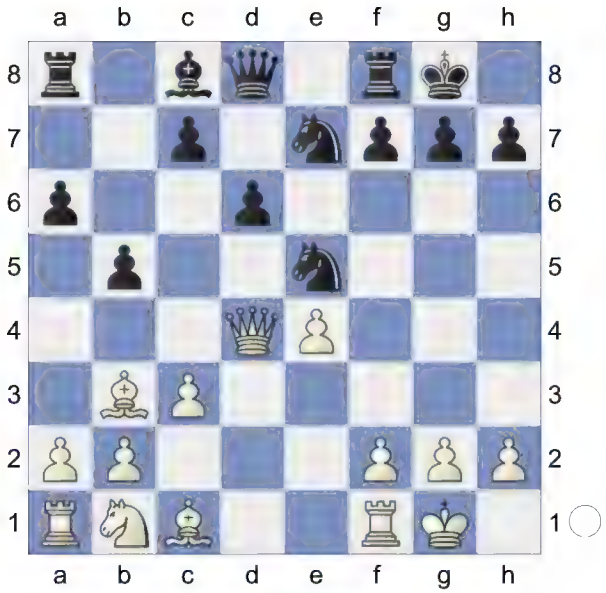

11.Bf4

[11.f4 c5 12.Qf2 Ng4 13.Qf3 c4 14.Bc2 f5 15.exf5 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Nf6 17.Be3 Qb8 18.Bd4 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Nxf5 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.Nd2 h6 22.Qd5+ Kh8 23.Rae1 Qf8 24.Ne4 Rf7 25.g4 Ne7 ½-½ (45) Shirov,A (2648)-Le,T (2598) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early blitz 2025 (6)]

11...c5N

[11...Be6 12.Bxe5 Nc6 2) 4.La4 mit mit 5.O-O-2 | Rückzug mit 5.O-O | 6. Sx Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]

12.Qd1 Bb7 13.Re1 -0.10/19

[⌓13.Bc2! 0.29/18]

13...Qc7 0.42/20

[13...N7g6= -0.10/19 14.Bg3 c4]

14.Bc2± Rad8 15.Nd2 Qc8

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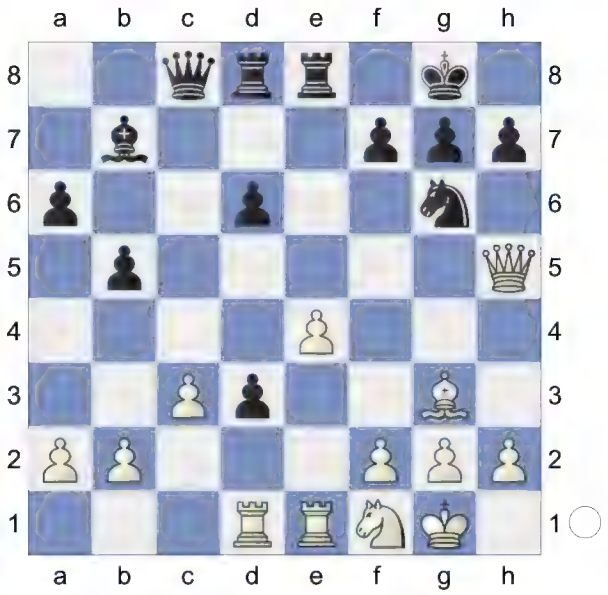
16.Qh5 Rfe8 17.Rad1 N7g6 18.Bg3 c4 19.Nf1 Nd3 20.Bxd3 cxd3



21.Rxd3 Rxe4 22.Rxe4 Bxe4 23.Rd4 Bb7 24.Qd1

[24.Bxd6 Bxg2 25.Ne3 *(25.Kxg2 Rxd6 26.Qg4 f5∓)* 25...Ba8∓]

[24.Rxd6 Rxd6 25.Bxd6 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Qc6+ 27.Kg1 Qxd6∓]

24...h6 0.95/22

[24...d5± 0.42/20]

25.Rxd6 Rxd6

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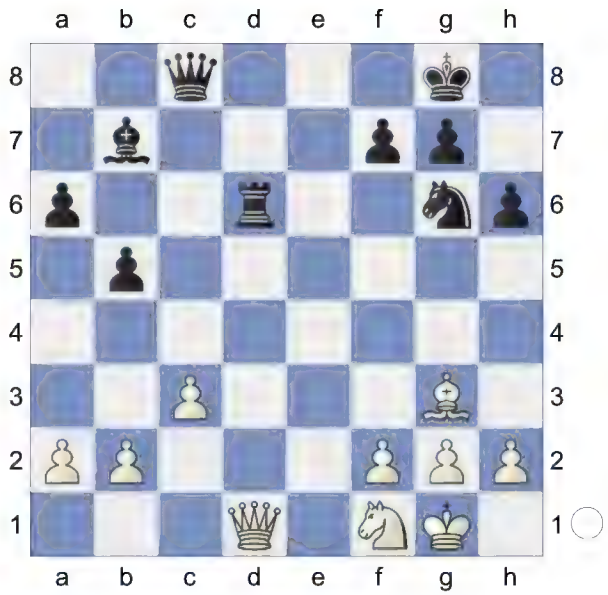
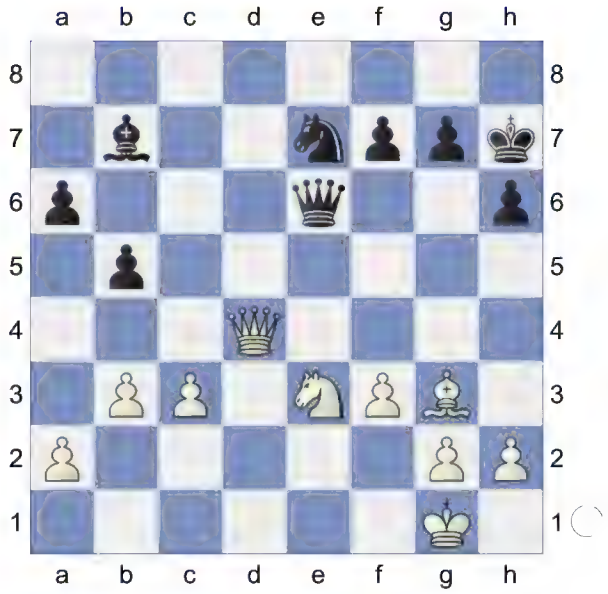


26.Qxd6 Kh7 Black is weak on the dark squares **27.Ne3 Qe8 28.Qd4 Qc6 29.f3** White is more active. **29...Qe6** Inhibits Nf5. **30.b3 Ne7**



31.Qd3+ Qg6 1.52/24

[⌓31...Kg8 0.92/17]

32.Qxg6+ Kxg6± Endgame KBN-KBN. White is a pawn up. **33.Kf2 Nd5 34.Nd1 f6 35.Ke2 Kf7**

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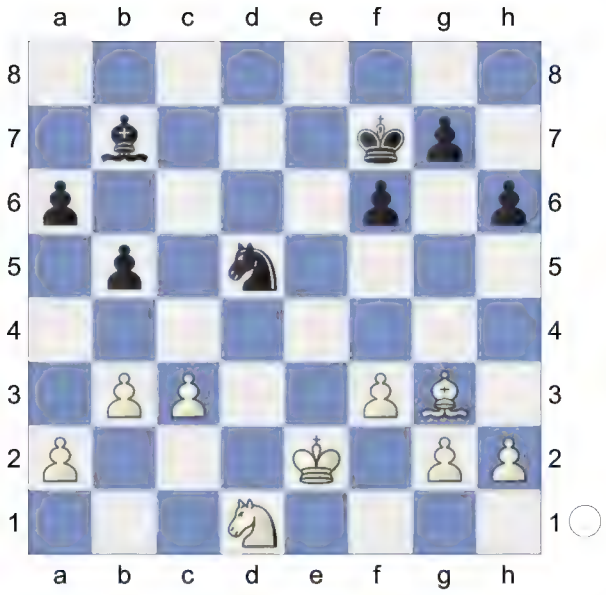
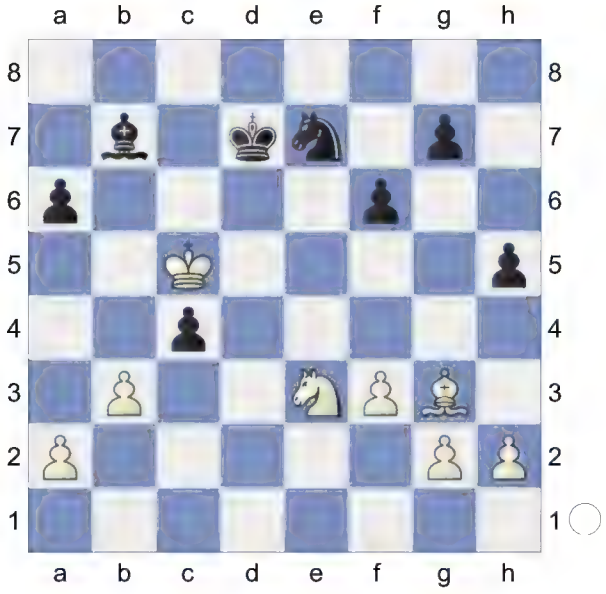


36.Kd3! Ke6 37.Kd4 Ne7 2.64/20
[⌓37...f5 1.68/23 38.Nb2 Nb6]
38.Kc5+- Kd7 39.Ne3 h5 40.c4 bxc4



41.bxc4
[41.Nxc4?! Nd5 42.a4 g5±]
41...g5 42.Kb6 Bc6 43.Be1
[Don't do 43.Kxa6 h4±]
43...h4 44.h3
[44.Kxa6 h3+-]
44...Ng6 45.Bc3
[45.Kxa6 Ke6 46.Kb6 Ba4+-]
45...f5
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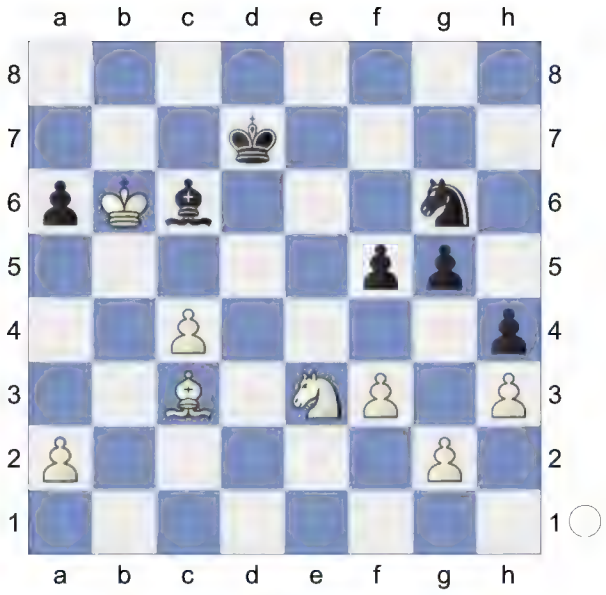
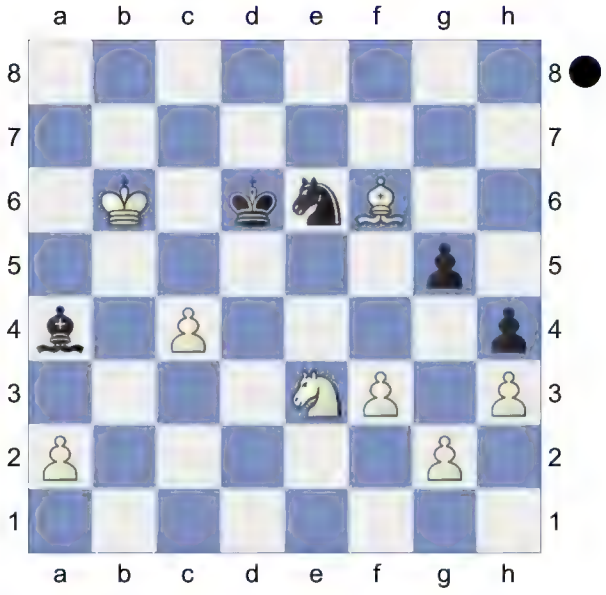


46.Nxf5
[46.Kxa6 g4±]
46...Nf4 White is clearly winning. **47.Ne3**
[Less strong is 47.Kxa6 Nxg2 48.Bd2 Bxf3+-]
47...Ba4 48.Bf6 Ne6 49.Kxa6 Kd6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.24 (precise)
50.Kb6



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17 **C70**
□ **Caviar2068** **3042**
■ **IMFAR** **2782**
Blitz 03.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 -0.04/19
[7.cxd4± 0.47/20 Bb4+ 8.Bd2]
7...0-0= **8.0-0** The position is equal.
8...Ng6 0.46/17
[8...Nxd4= -0.08/20 9.cxd4 Ba7]
9.Be3± Black must now prevent Nxc6.
9...Nce5

(Diagram)

10.Nc6 -0.37/21
[10.Nd2 d6 11.h3 Nd3 12.Bc2 Ndf4 13.Qf3 Ne6 14.Qg3 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Ba7 16.Rfe1 c6 17.Nf3 f5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Bg5 Qd7 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 21.Nh4 Rd5 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Re7 Qf5 24.Be3 Rb8 0-1 (66) Mammadzada,G (2421)-Khoder,A (2232) Masters Open 2024 (2.45)]
10...bxc6N
[10...dxc6 11.Bxc5 Qg5 12.Be3 Nf4 13.Bxf4 Qxf4 14.Qd2 Qxe4 15.Bc2 Qh4 16.Re1 Nc4 17.Qe2 Be6 18.Nd2 Nxd2 19.Qxd2 Rad8 20.Qe3 g6 21.Bb3 Rfe8 22.Rad1 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.Re1 Rd6 25.g3 0-1 (53) Model Games-Giulio Borgo vs. Danyyil Dvir,I A Black Repertoire for Ambitious Chess]

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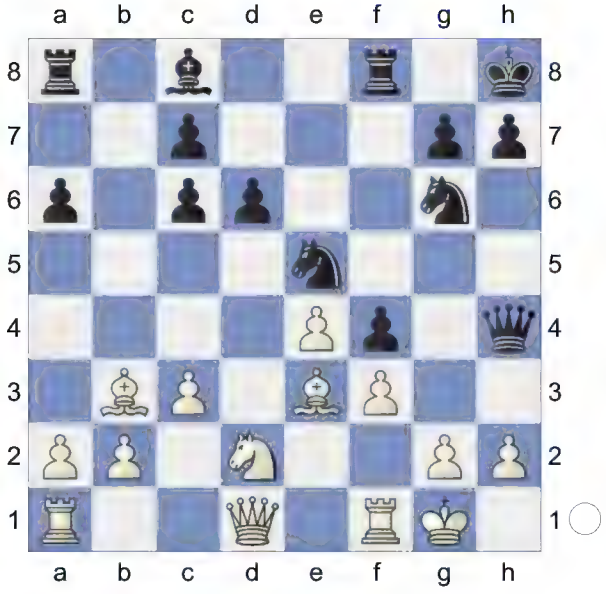
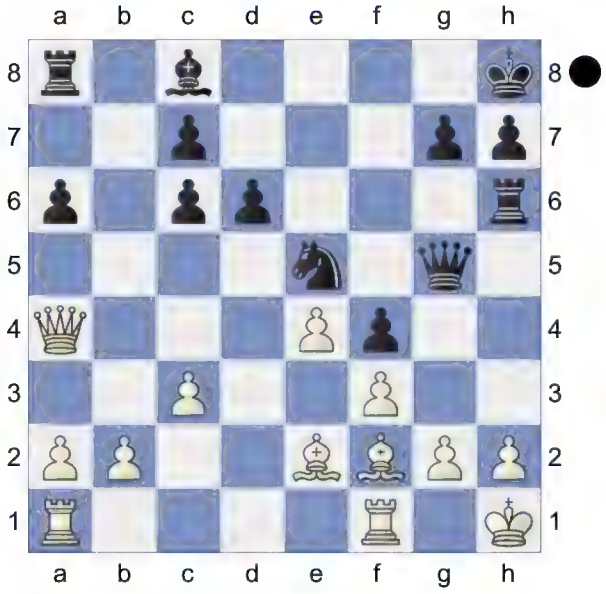
11.Bxc5 d6
[11...Qg5!? 12.Be3 *(12.Bxf8 Nh4-+)* 12...Nf4 13.Bxf4 Qxf4∓]
12.Be3 Qh4 13.f3 Repels Ng4 **13...f5** 0.07/17
[13...Rb8∓ -0.31/18]
14.Bb3+ -0.54/18
[14.Bxc6!= 0.07/17 Nxc6 15.Qd5+ Rf7 16.Qxc6]
14...Kh8∓ 15.Nd2 f4



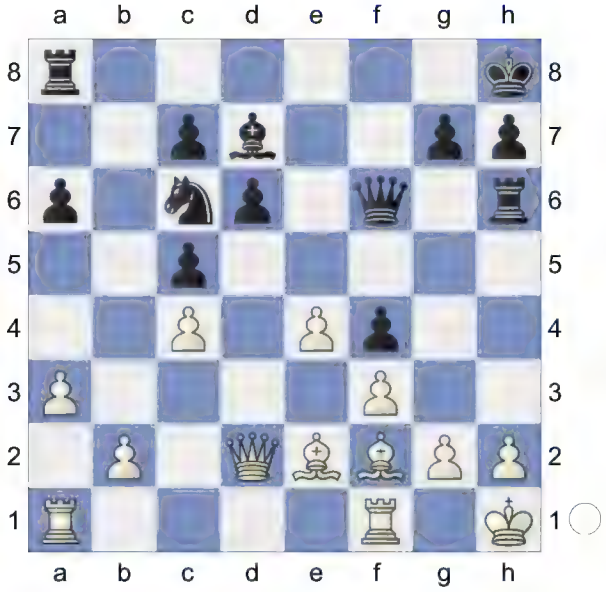
16.Bf2 -1.05/20
[16.Bd4!∓ -0.67/19 deserves consideration.]
16...Qg5∓ White must now prevent ... Bh3. **17.Kh1 Rf6 18.Nc4 Nxc4** -0.45/15
[Black should play 18...Bd7∓ -0.82/21]
19.Bxc4∓ Ne5 20.Be2 Rh6

21.Qa4 -1.44/20
[21.Bg1= -0.22/19]



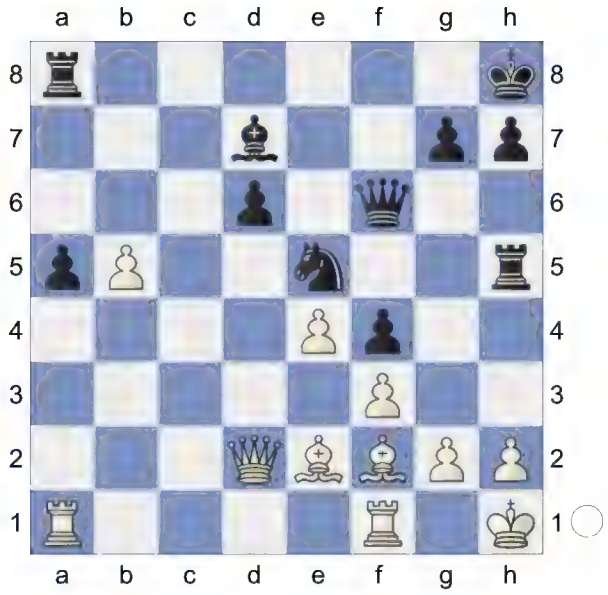
21...Bd7 -0.43/17
[21...Rg6!∓ -1.44/20 22.Rg1 Rh6]
22.Qa5? -5.46/17
[22.Bg1∓ -0.43/17]
22...Qd8? 0.40/19

[22...Nxf3-+ -5.46/17 23.Bxf3 Qxa5]
23.c4 0.00/21
[23.b4± 0.40/19]
23...c5 24.a3 Nc6 0.63/20
[24...Rg6= 0.00/18]
25.Qd2± Qf6



26.b4 cxb4 2.22/18
[26...Nd4± 0.59/17]
27.axb4+- Ne5 28.c5 Rh5? 3.79/17
[28...Rg6 1.90/18 29.b5 *(29.Rxa6 Rxa6 30.Bxa6 dxc5±)* 29...Qg5]
29.cxd6
[29.Rxa6 Rxa6 30.Bxa6 dxc5±]
29...cxd6 30.b5
[Weaker is 30.Bxa6 Nf7 31.Bd4 Qh6+-]
[30.Rxa6 Rxa6 31.Bxa6 h6+-]
30...a5

(Diagram)



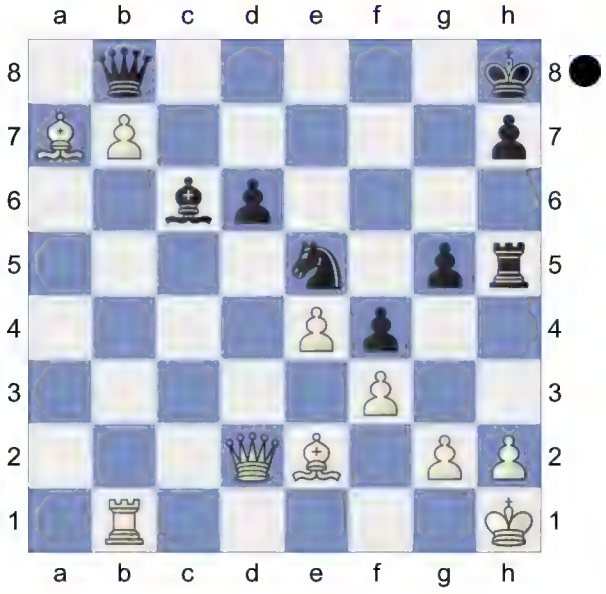
31.Rxa5 Rf8 32.b6 Qe7 33.b7
White is clearly winning. **33...Bc6**
34.Ra7 Rb8 35.Rb1 g5 6.49/14
[⌓35...h6 4.36/19 36.Ra8 *(36.Qxf4 Kh7+-)* 36...Nd7 37.Rxb8+ *(37.Qxf4 Rxa8 38.bxa8N Bxa8+-)* 37...Nxb8]

36.Ra8! Qd8
[36...Rxa8 37.bxa8Q+]
37.Rxb8 Qxb8

(Diagram)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.77

38.Ba7!



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18 **C70**

faith_bot **2873**

expositor **2772**

Rapid 25.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min

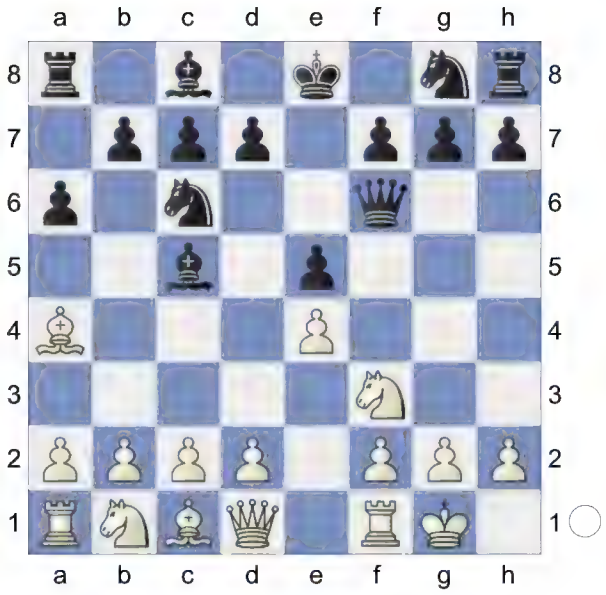
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

Cassell's Illustrated vol.1 p415 (Dec1854):

'Game in the Second Series of the Home Circle Chess Tourney'. (i.e. second round of knock-out event) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Qf6**

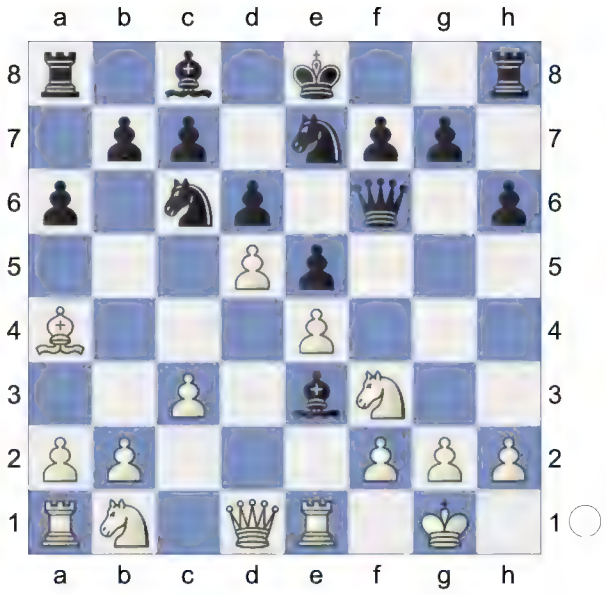
[5...Nge7 6.c3 Ba7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 d6 11.Re1 Kh8 12.h3 Bd7 13.Nf1 b5 *(13...Qe8 14.Bc2 a5 15.a4 Nd8 16.Ng3 Ne6 17.Qd2 Bb6 18.b3 Rd8 19.Rad1 Bc8 20.Nf5 Ne7 21.b4 exd4 22.cxd4 axb4 23.Qxb4 Nc6 24.Qb1 Na5 25.e5 dxe5 26.dxe5 Rxd1 27.Qxd1 Bxe3 28.Nxe3* 1-0 (51) Kushagra,M (2359)-Barp,A (2452) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (5)*)* 14.Bc2 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Ng3 Rf8 18.a4 exd4 19.cxd4 h6 20.axb5 0-1 (64) Darini,P (2405)-Tang,A (2539) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (3)]

(Diagram)

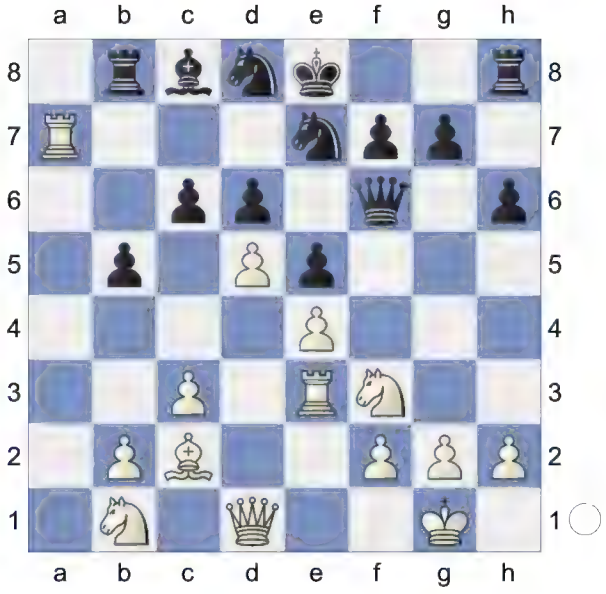


6.c3 Nge7! 7.Re1N
[7.d4 exd4 8.Bg5 Qg6 9.Bxe7 Nxe7 10.cxd4 Ba7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Ne5 Qf6 13.f4 d6 14.Nf3 Qxf4 15.Qd3 Be6 16.Rae1 b5 17.Nd2 Qe5 18.Nf3 Bc4 19.Nxe5 Bxd3 20.Nxd3 Bxd4+ 21.Kh1 Bxc3 ½-½ (63) Wormald,R-Smith,C Home Circle Tourney rd2 1854]
7...Ba7 8.d4! White is slightly better.
8...h6 Against Bg5 **9.Be3 d6**

10.d5! Pin **10...Bxe3**
(Diagram)

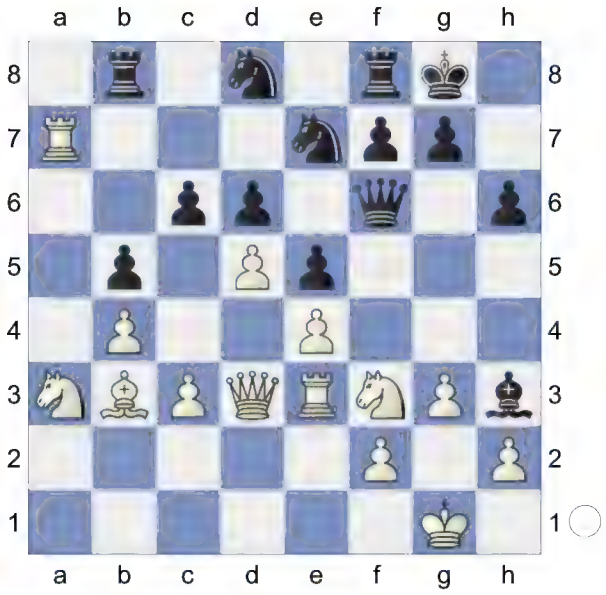


11.Rxe3 b5 12.Bc2 Nd8 13.a4 Rb8 14.axb5 axb5 15.Ra7 c6

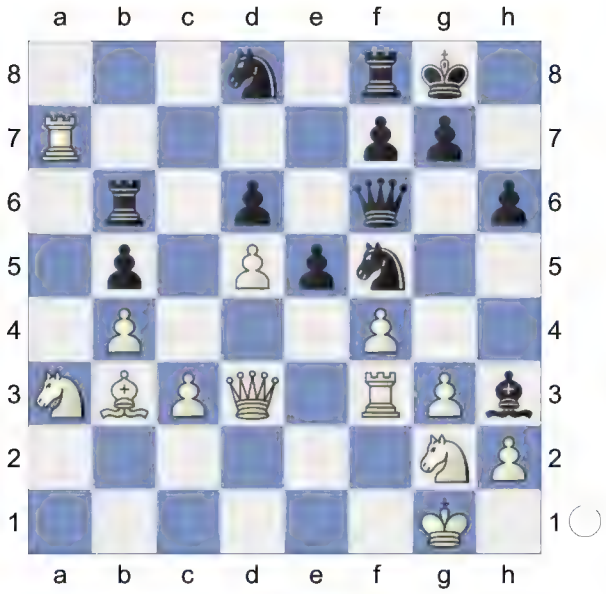


16.Na3 0-0 17.b4 Ng6 18.g3 Inhibits Nf4. **18...Bg4 19.Qd3 Bh3 20.Bb3 Ne7**

(Diagram)

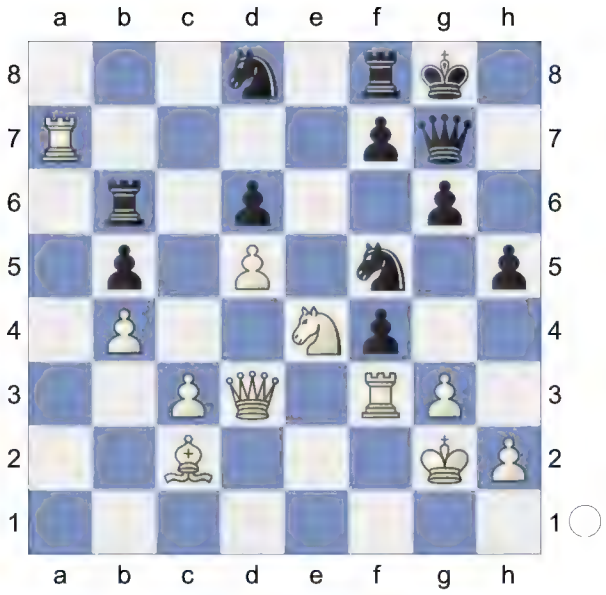


21.Nh4 Rb6 22.Ng2 Qg5 23.f4 Qf6 24.Rf3 cxd5 25.exd5
[25.Nxb5? dxe4 26.Qxe4 Rxb5-+]
25...Nf5

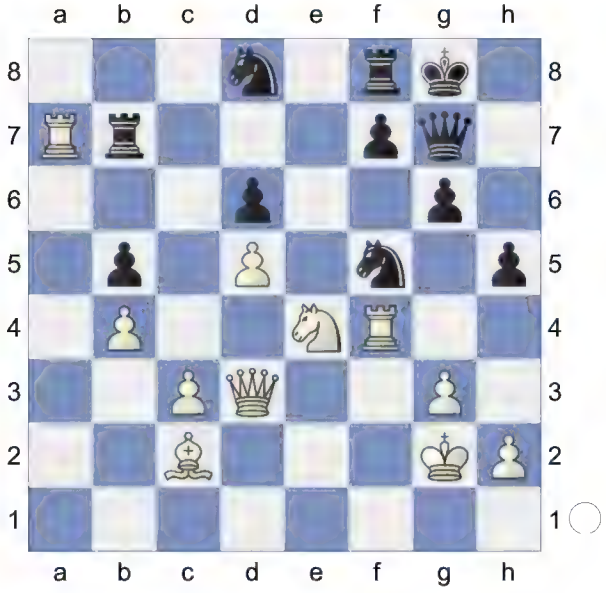


26.Bc2
[26.Nxb5? e4 27.Qxe4 Rxb5-+]
26...g6 27.Nb1
[27.Nxb5? e4 28.Qxe4 Rxb5-+]
27...h5 28.Nd2 Qg7 29.Ne4 Bxg2 30.Kxg2 exf4

(Diagram)

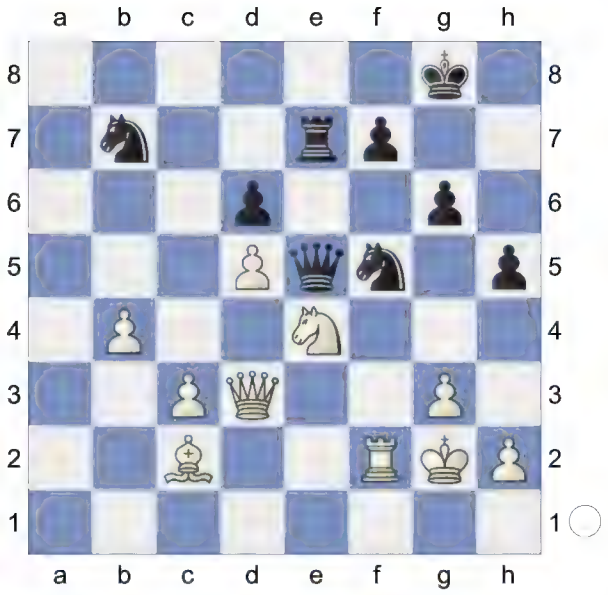


31.Rxf4 Rb7

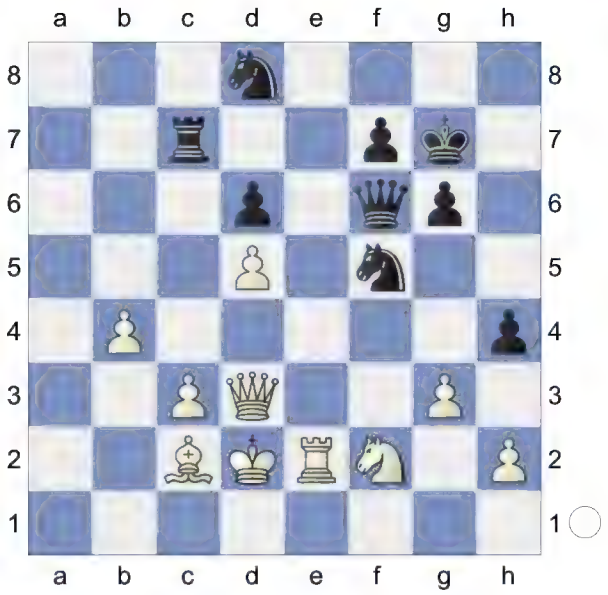


32.Rxb7 Nxb7 33.Rf2
[33.Qxb5 Ne3+ 34.Kf2 Ng4+ 35.Rxg4 hxg4 36.Qxb7 Qh6=]
33...Re8 2.08/22
[33...f6± 1.17/19 is a better defense. 34.Kg1 *(34.Qxb5 Ne3+ 35.Kf3 Ng4±)* 34...Nh6]
34.Qxb5 Re7 35.Qd3 Prevents Ne3+.
35...Qe5

(Diagram)



36.Re2 Kg7 37.Kf1 Nd8 38.Ke1 Rc7 39.Kd2 h4 40.Nf2 Qf6



41.Ne4 Wards off Qg5+ **41...Qe5 42.Nf2 Qf6 43.g4** Black is weak on the light squares **43...Ne7 44.Bb3** Active counter play! **44...Qg5+ 45.Qe3 Qxe3+**

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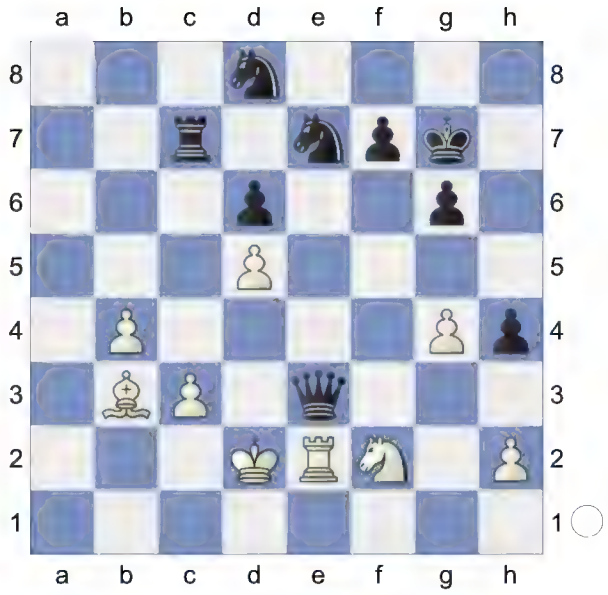
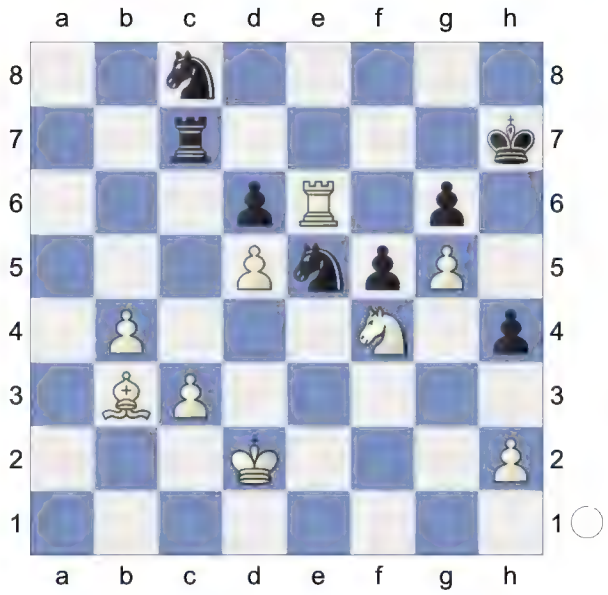


46.Rxe3 f5 47.g5 Nf7 48.Nh3 Nc8 49.Re6 Ne5 50.Nf4 Kh7



51.Kc2 Nf3 52.Rxg6 Ne1+ 53.Kd1 Rxc3 54.Kxe1

[54.Rh6+ Kg8 55.Rg6+ *(55.Kxe1 Rxb3 56.Rg6+ Kh8+-; 55.Rxh4 Nf3∓)* 55...Kh7 56.Kxe1 Rxb3+-]

54...Rxb3+- Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **55.Rf6 Rb1+**

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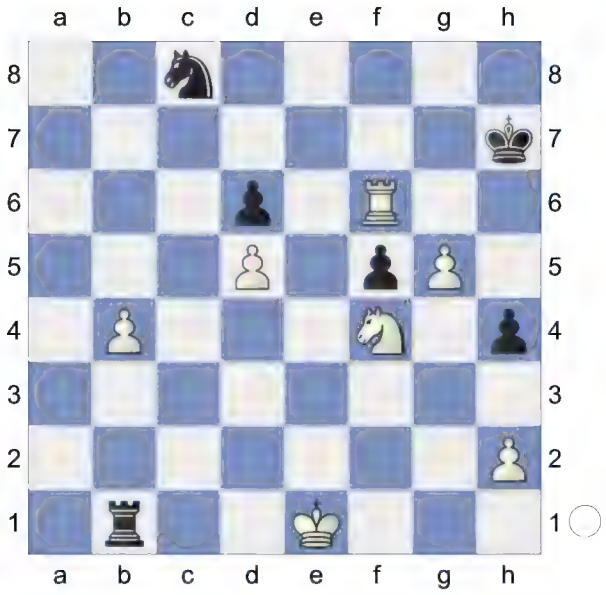

56.Ke2 Nb6 57.g6+ Kh6 58.Rf7
[Weaker is 58.Rxd6 Rxb4 59.Kd3 Rxf4±]
58...Rg1 59.Kf2 Rg4 60.Rxf5 Nxd5

61.Kf3 And now Rh5+ would win.
[Worse is 61.Rxd5 Rxf4+ 62.Ke3 Rxb4=]
61...Rxg6 62.Rxd5 KRN-KR **62...Rg1 63.Rh5+ Kg7**

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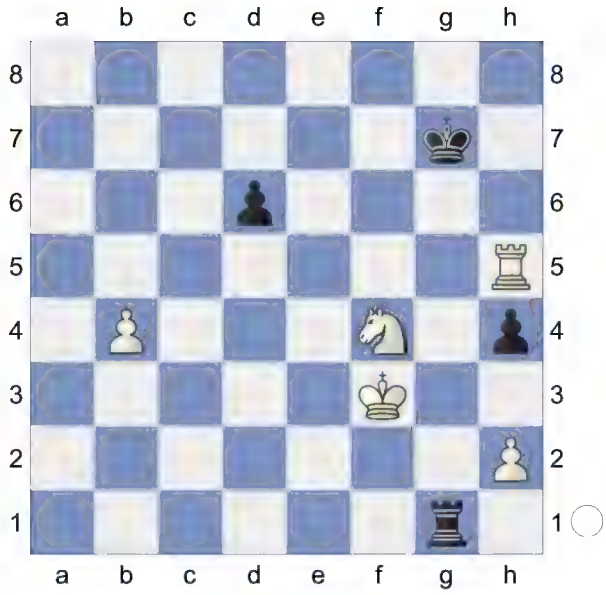
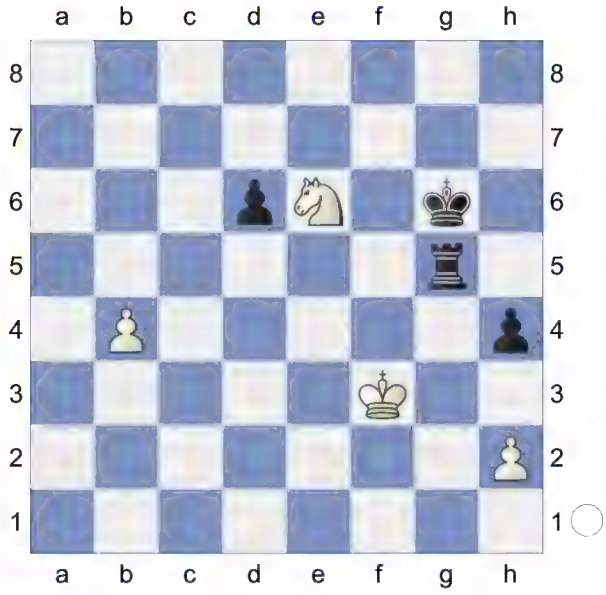


64.Rg5+!! Rxg5 KR-KN **65.Ne6+ Kg6**



66.Nxg5 KN-KPP **66...Kf5**

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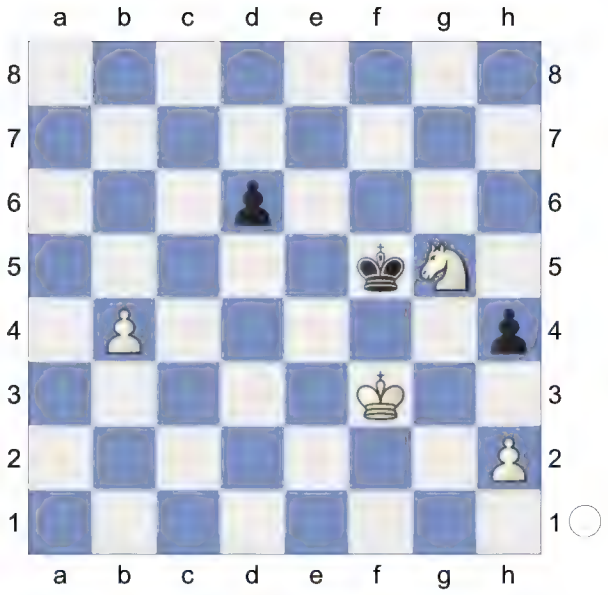
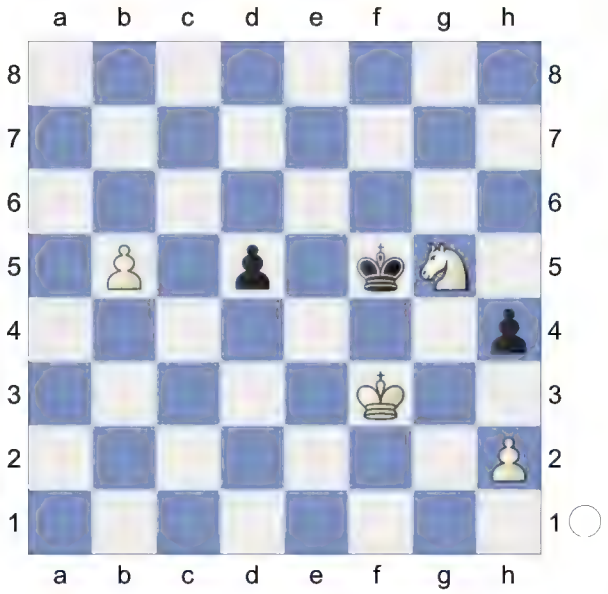


67.b5! d5
[67...Kxg5 68.b6]



68.b6! White threatens b7 and mate.
68...d4
[68...Ke5 69.b7]
69.b7 White mates. **69...Ke5 70.b8Q+ Kd5**

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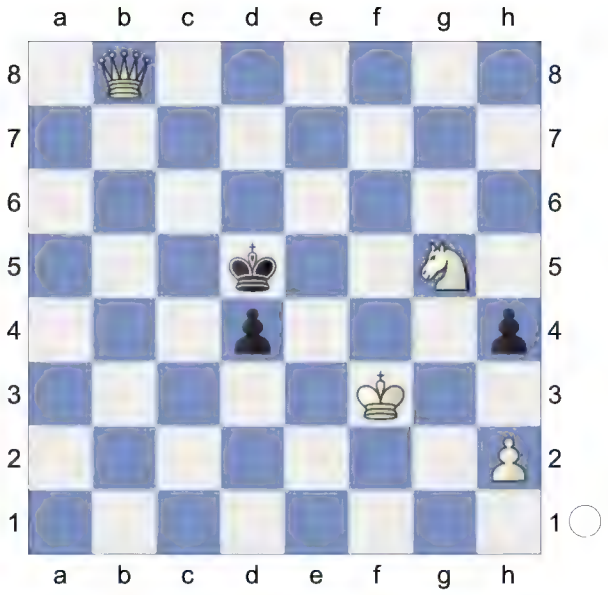
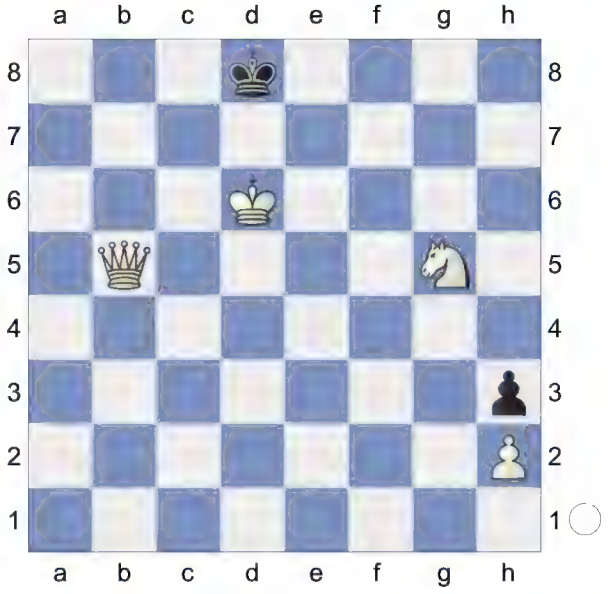


71.Qb5+ Kd6 72.Ke4 h3 73.Kxd4 Kc7 74.Ke5 Kc8 75.Kd6 Kd8



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76.Qb8#

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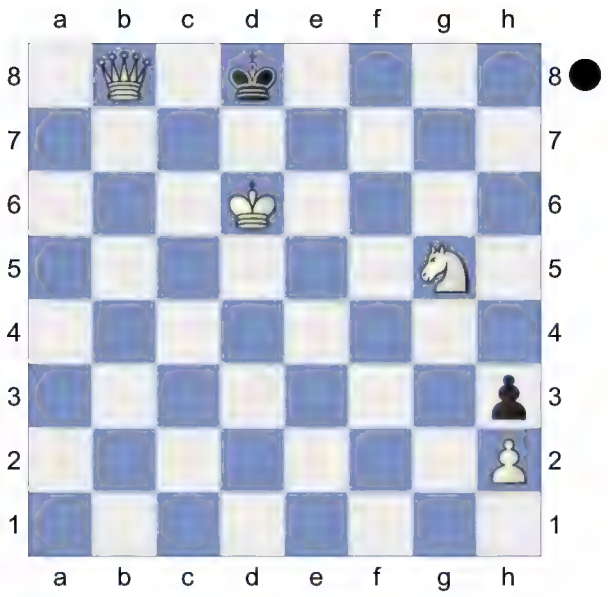

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19 **C70**
□ **Carlsen,M** **2839**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2771**
SuperUnited CRO Blitz 2025 (6.5) 5.7.25
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

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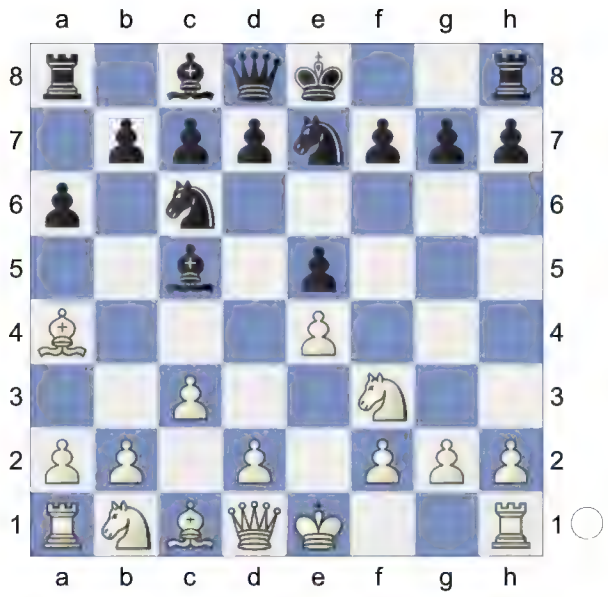
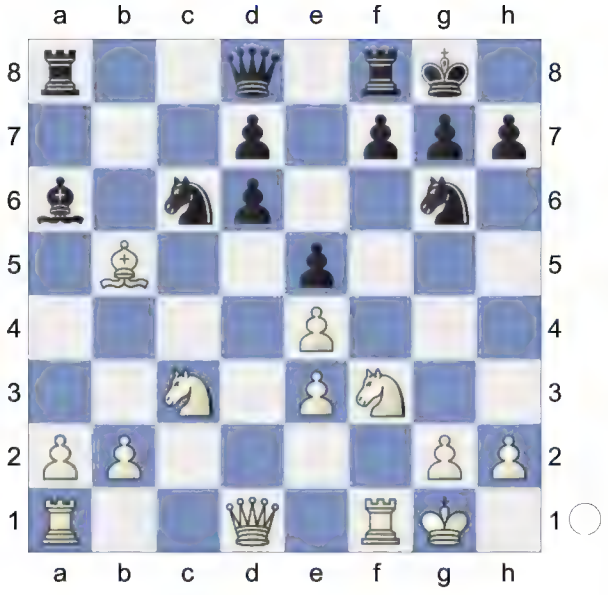


6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.d5 Nce7
White is slightly better. White has an edge. **9.Be3 0-0** 0.64/23
[9...Bxe3= 0.12/20 should be considered. 10.fxe3 Ng8]
10.d6±
[10.Bxa7 Rxa7 11.d6 cxd6 12.Qxd6 f6 13.Na3 b5 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.Rfd1 Rb7 16.c4 Rb6 17.Qd2 f5 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.Bc2 Rxf3 20.gxf3 Nf4 21.Qe3 Re6 22.Kh1 Nc6 23.cxb5 Qh4 24.Qc5 Rf6 0-1 (27) Sydykov,B (2221)-Le,T (2598) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early blitz 2025 (4)]
10...Nc6N
[10...cxd6 11.Qxd6 Bxe3 12.fxe3 a5 13.Bb5 b6 14.Nbd2 Bb7 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 d6 17.Qd4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.Nc4 a4 21.Nd6 a3 22.Nxb7 axb2 23.Rab1 Nxe3 24.Rf3 Nd5 25.Rxb2 1-0 Steinberg,N (2554)-Aaditya,D (2448) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (5)]

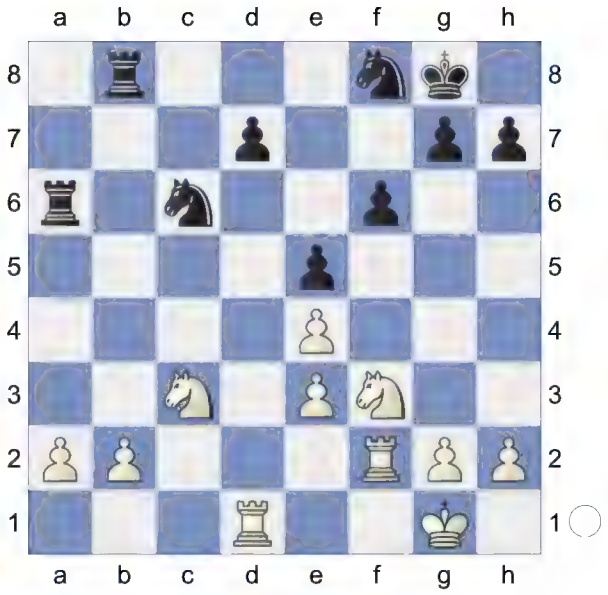
(Diagram)

11.c4 White has more active pieces.
11...Bxe3 12.fxe3 cxd6 13.Nc3
[13.Qxd6 Qb6±]
13...b5 1.27/21 **14.cxb5± axb5**
15.Bxb5 Ba6



Wards off a4 **16.Bxa6**
[16.Qxd6?! Bxb5 17.Nxb5 Qb6=]
16...Rxa6 17.Qxd6 Qb8 18.Qxb8
[18.Qxd7?! Rd8 *(18...Qxb2 19.Nd5 Qa3±)* 19.Qh3 Qxb2±]
18...Rxb8 19.Rf2 Nf8 20.Rd1 f6

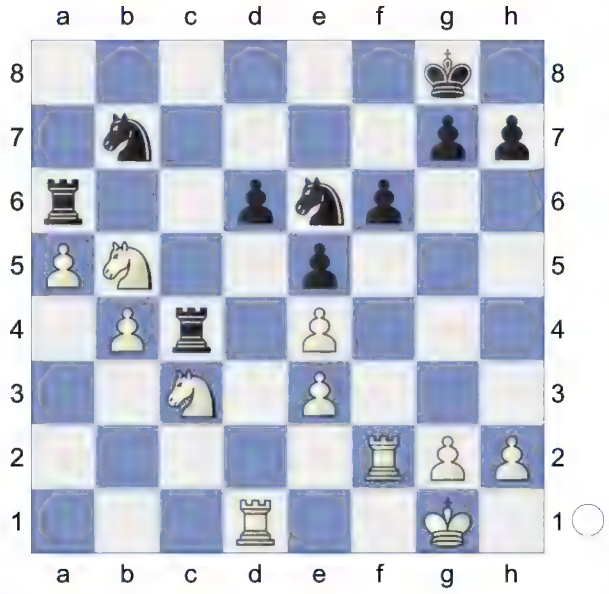
(Diagram)



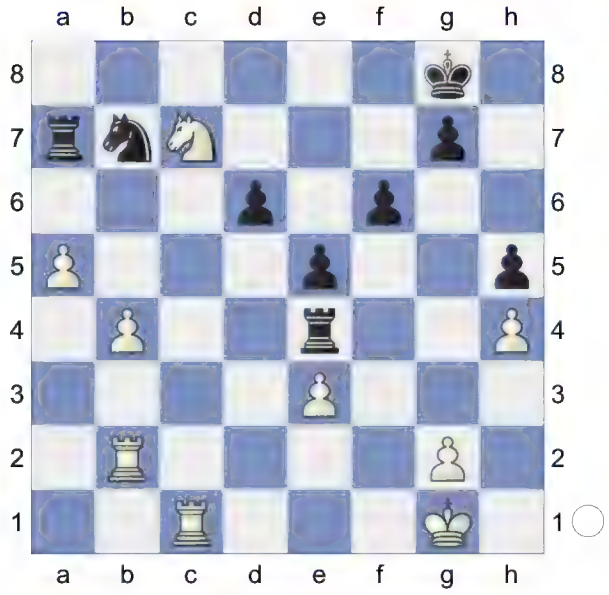
21.b3 0.89/17
[⌓21.Nh4 1.35/16]
21...Ra7 1.66/20
[⌓21...Nb4± 0.89/17]
22.Nd2+- Ne6 23.Nc4 Na5 24.Nd6 Rc7 2.52/20
[24...Nc6± 1.60/16 was called for. is a better defense. 25.h4 *(25.Rd5 Nc7)* 25...Nb4]
25.Nd5+- Ra7

26.b4 Nb7 27.Nb5 Ra6 28.Ndc3
[Weaker is 28.Ne7+ Kf8 29.Nd5 *(29.Rxd7 Nbc5=)* 29...Nd6±]

28...d6 29.a4 Black is weak on the light squares **29...Rc8 30.a5 Rc4**



31.Rb2 Ng5 32.h4 Nxe4 33.Nxe4 Rxe4 34.Rc1 Against Rc4 Prevents Rc4 **34...h5 35.Nc7** White is clearly winning. **35...Ra7**



36.a6 Nc5 37.bxc5
[Not 37.Nb5 Rxa6 38.bxc5 dxc5∓]
37...Rxc7
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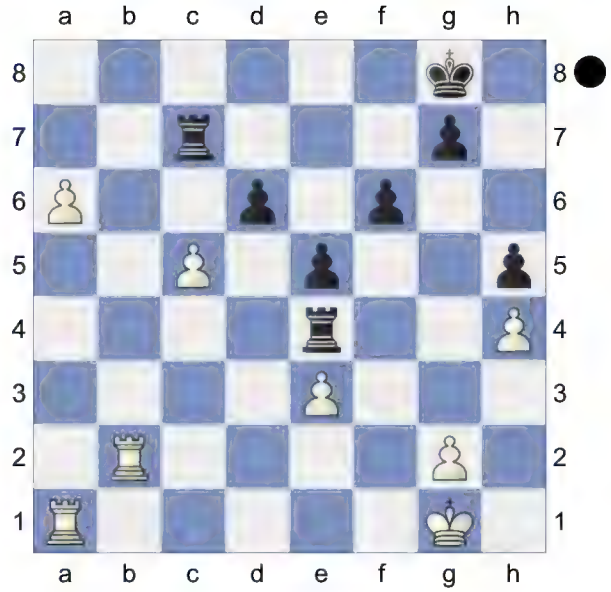
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.31

38.Ra1



Dodges Ra4 Prevents Ra4
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20 **C70**
□ **Grischuk,A** **2667**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2767**
FIDE World Bl Team Final (3.1) 15.06.25
[Kitty Kat]

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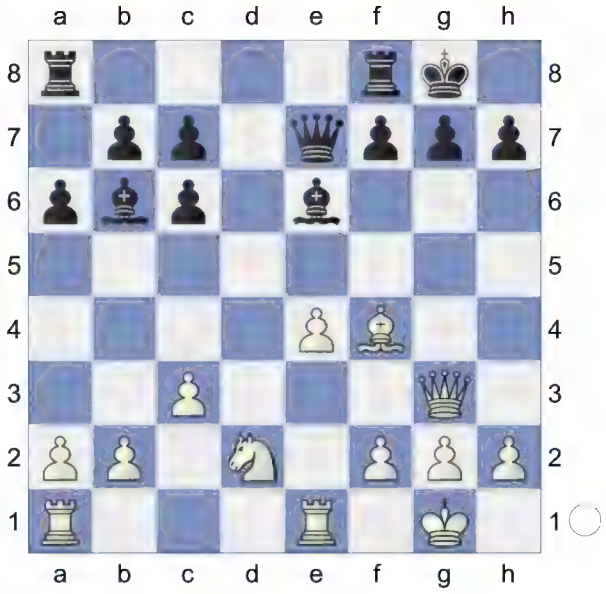
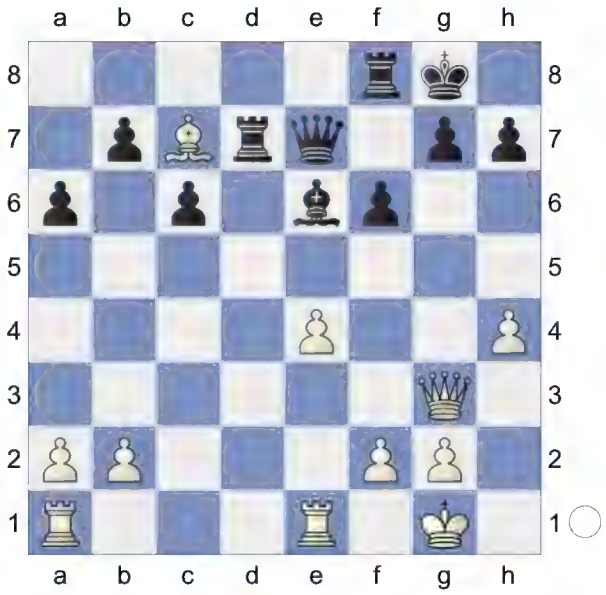
(Diagram)

6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bxc6 dxc6
White is slightly better. **9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qe7**

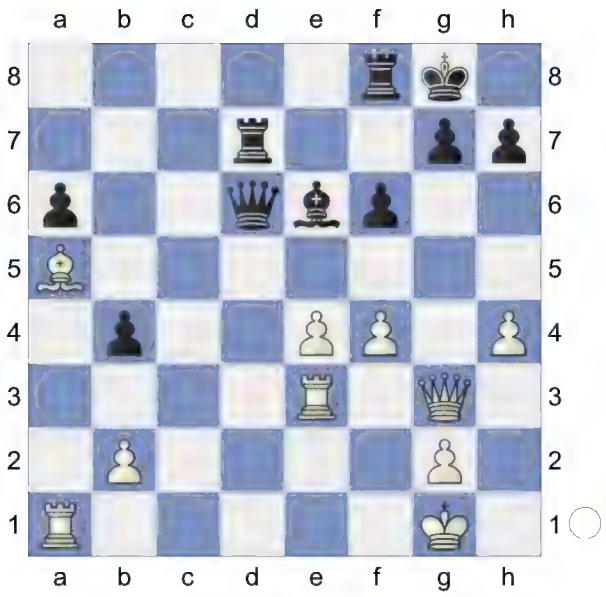
11.Qf3 Qxe5 12.Bf4 Qe7 13.Qg3! 0-0 14.Nd2 Bb6 15.Rfe1N
[15.Rae1 Be6 16.e5 Bf5 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Qe6 19.Rfe1 Rad8 20.h4 h6 21.Bc1 f5 22.exf6 Qxf6 23.Rf4 Qd6 24.Kf1 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Qf3 Qe6 27.Bd2 Qxa2 28.g3 Qd5 29.Bc1 Bc5 0-1 (50) Anton Guijarro,D (2665)-Le,T (2564) Julius Baer GenCup P/I m D1 rapid 2024 (1.2)]
15...Be6



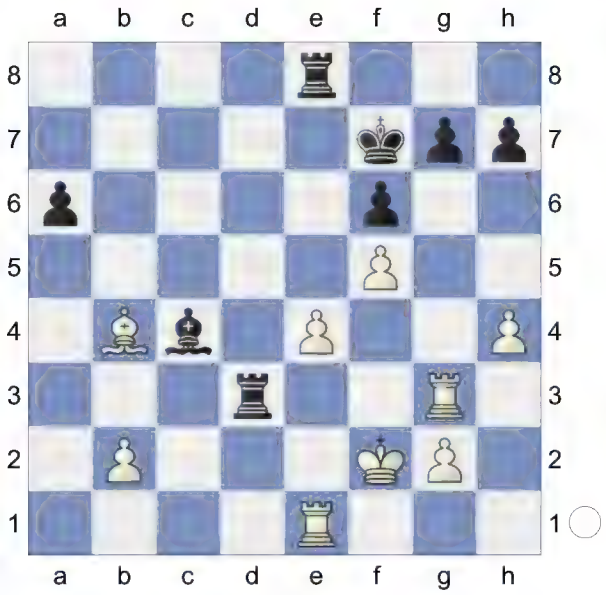
16.Nf3 Rad8 17.Nd4 Bxd4 18.cxd4 f6
[18...Rxd4? loses.
A) 19.Bxc7 f6= *(19...Rd7∓)*;
B) 19.Be5 f5 *(19...f6 20.Bxd4+-)*
20.Bxd4+-]
19.Bxc7 0.21/21
[19.Qc3⩲ 0.63/21]
19...Rxd4= 20.h4 Rd7



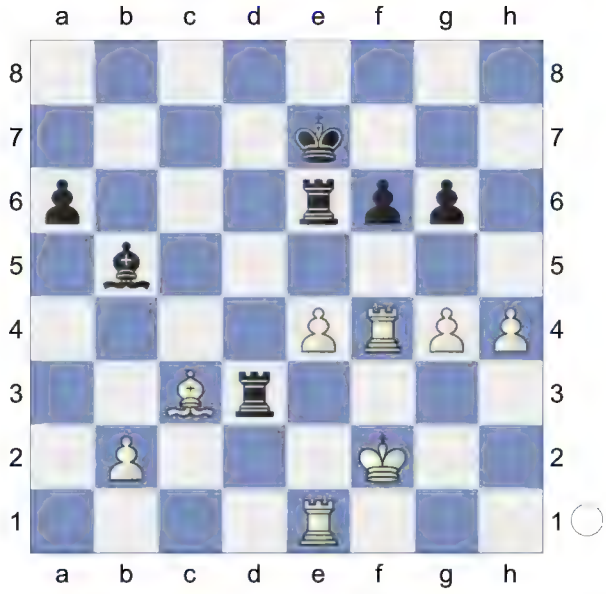
21.Ba5 c5 22.Re3 Qd6 23.f4 b5 24.a3 b4 25.axb4 cxb4
(Diagram)



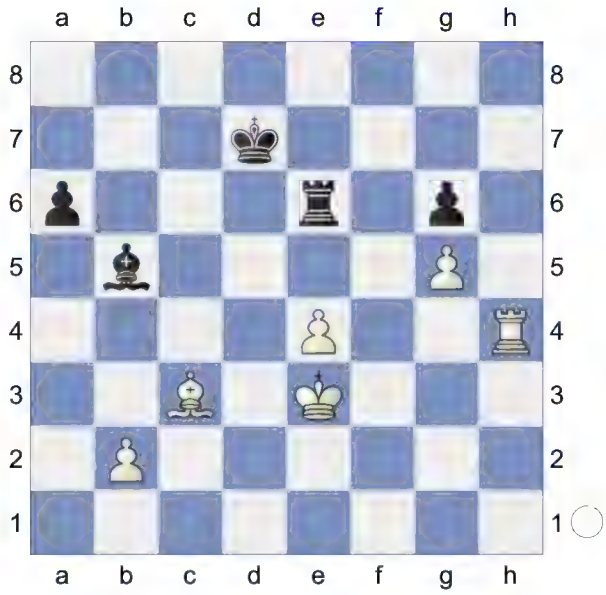
26.f5 Qxg3 27.Rxg3 Bc4 28.Bxb4 Re8 29.Re1 Rd3 30.Kf2 Kf7



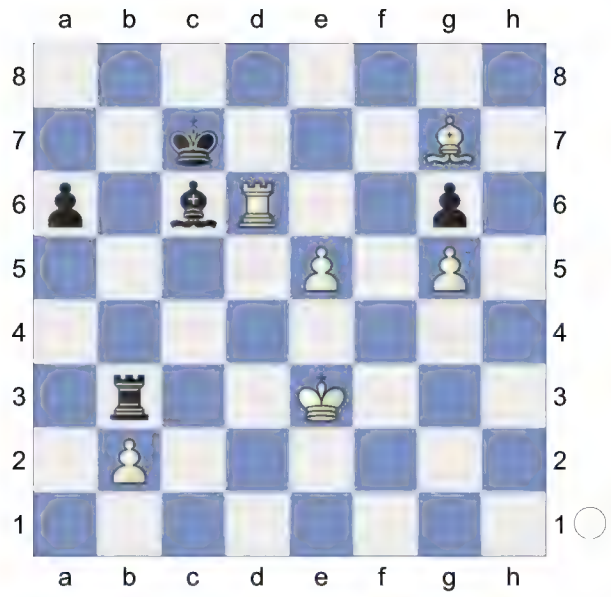
31.Bc3 g6 1.69/20
[31...Rxg3!= 0.24/22 32.Kxg3 g6]
32.fxg6+!+- hxg6 33.Rf3 0.46/21
[33.Rg4!± 1.57/22]
33...Re6 1.50/20
[33...Rxf3+± 0.46/21 34.gxf3 Rd8 *(34...f5)*]
34.Rf4!± Bb5 2.23/23
[34...Bb3± 1.55/17 35.g4 *(35.Ra1 Rc6)* 35...Ke7]
35.g4 1.27/17
[35.e5+- 2.23/23]
35...Ke7



36.g5! fxg5 37.hxg5 Bc6 38.Re3 0.40/20
[White should try 38.e5± 1.39/17]
38...Rxe3± 39.Kxe3± Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **39...Kd7 40.Rh4 Bb5** 0.76/23
[40...Re7± 0.33/22]



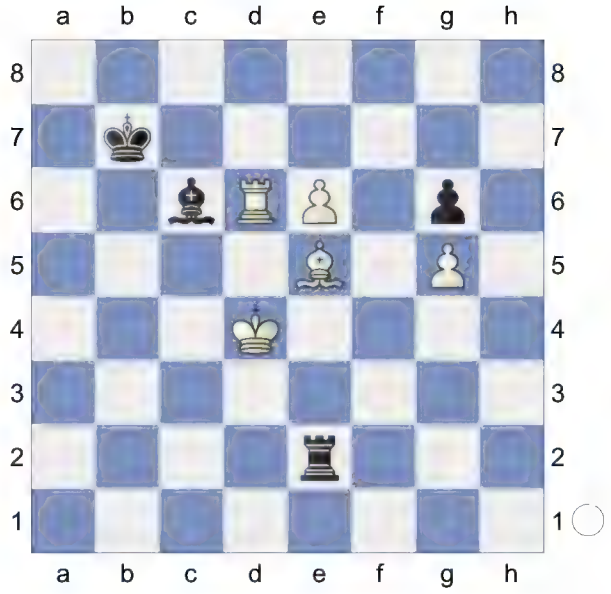
41.Bf6± Bc6 42.e5 Re8! 43.Rd4+ Kc7 44.Rd6 Rb8 45.Bg7 Rb3+!
(Diagram)



46.Kd4! Be8? 1.99/17
[46...Rxb2± 0.40/19 47.Rxg6 Rb4+ 48.Kc5 Rb5+ 49.Kc4 Rb1]
[46...a5± 0.51/18]
47.Rxa6+- Rxb2

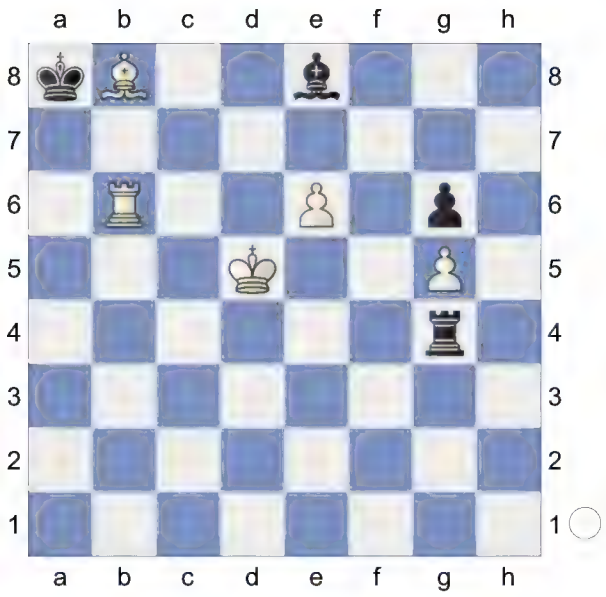
48.e6? 0.13/21
[Only move: 48.Kd5!± 1.23/21]
48...Re2? 4.97/21
[48...Rb4+!= 0.13/21 49.Ke5 Ra4 *(49...Bc6)* 50.Rxa4 Bxa4]
49.Be5+ Kb7 50.Rd6 0.13/26
[50.Ra1+- 4.62/20]
[50.Ra3+- 4.27/19]

50...Bc6=



Strongly threatening ...Re4+. and ... Re4+ would now be decisive **51.Bg3 Re4+?** 5.78/22
[51...Bf3= 0.07/19 and Black has nothing to worry.]
[51...Bg2= 0.04/21]
52.Kc5+- Be8 6.99/20
[⌓52...Re2 4.76/20 53.e7 *(53.Rxc6 Rc2+ 54.Kd5 Rd2+ 55.Kc5 Rc2+ 56.Kd6 Rd2+ 57.Ke7 Kxc6=)* 53...Rc2+ 54.Kd4 Re2]
53.Rb6+ Ka7 54.Bb8+ Ka8 55.Kd5 Rg4

(Diagram)

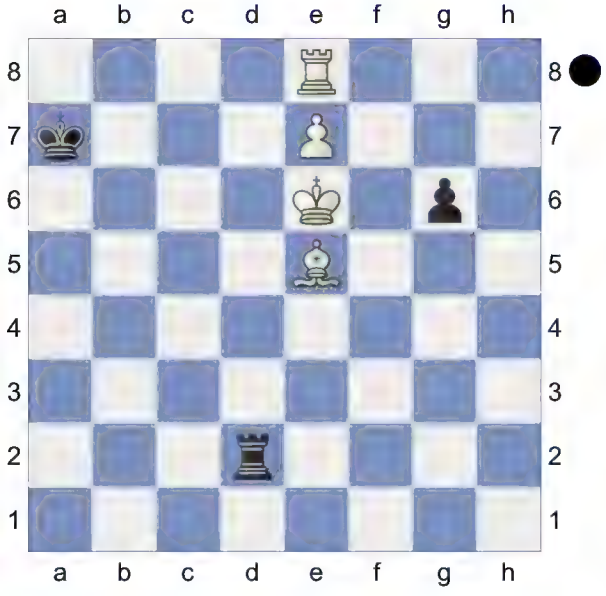


56.Be5! Rb8+ is the strong threat. and Rb8+ would now be decisive **56...Rxg5 57.Rb8+** White mates. **57...Ka7 58.Rxe8** White mates. **58...Rg2 59.e7 Rd2+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.51

Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.57

60.Ke6



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21 **C70**

□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2770**

■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2763**

Superbet ROM Classic 2024 (2.1)

[Kitty Kat]

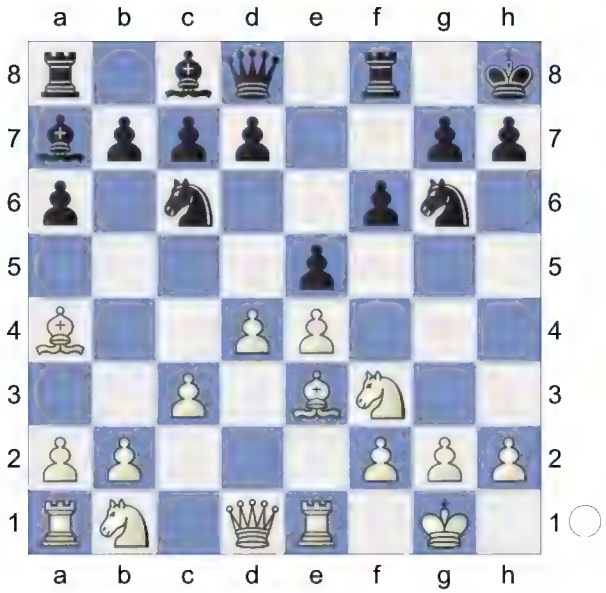
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7

6.c3 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6

White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0 10.Re1 Kh8**

(Diagram)



11.h3

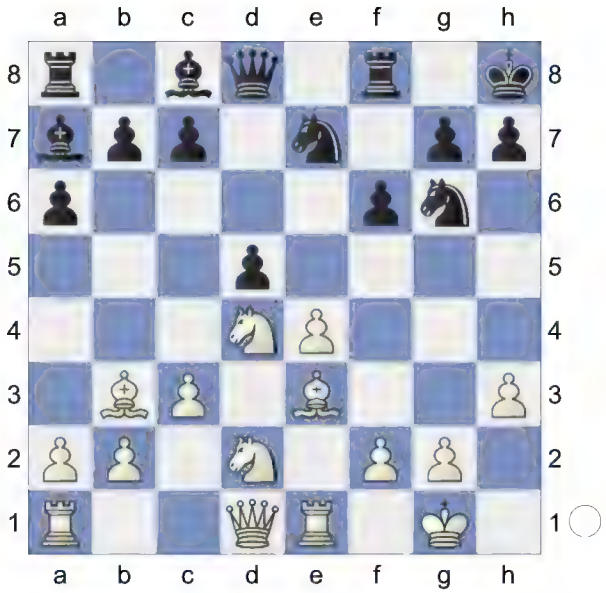
[11.Nbd2 d6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Rc1 Nce7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.c4 exd4 16.Nxd4 f5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qxf5 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.Qf3 Raa8 21.Qxf5 Rxf5 22.Rc3 Raf8 23.f3 Re5 24.Rxe5 Nxe5 25.Kf2 Kg8 ½-½ (39) Hou,Y (2633)-Koneru,H (2530) London TechM GCL rapid 2024 (7.1)]

11...Nce7 12.Bb3 d6 13.Nbd2 exd4N

[13...h6 14.Nf1 f5 15.dxe5 fxe4 16.exd6 exf3 17.dxe7 Qxe7 18.Ng3 Qh4 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.Bc2 Qg5 21.Qd3 Bf5 22.Qd4 Bxc2 23.Qxa7 Nf4 24.Qe3 Qh4 25.Qe7 Rf6 26.Qd7 fxg2 27.Re8+ Kh7 28.Kh2 0-1 Bernasek,J (2396)-A,S (2485) 125/42 Biel 2015 (9) Bf5]

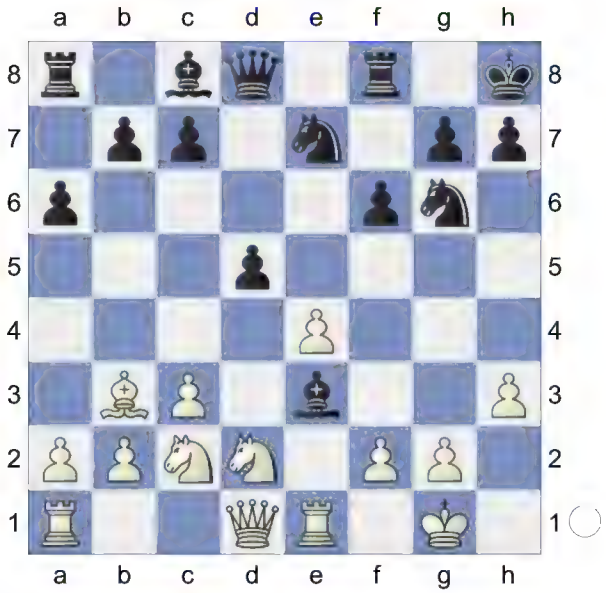
14.Nxd4 d5

(Diagram)



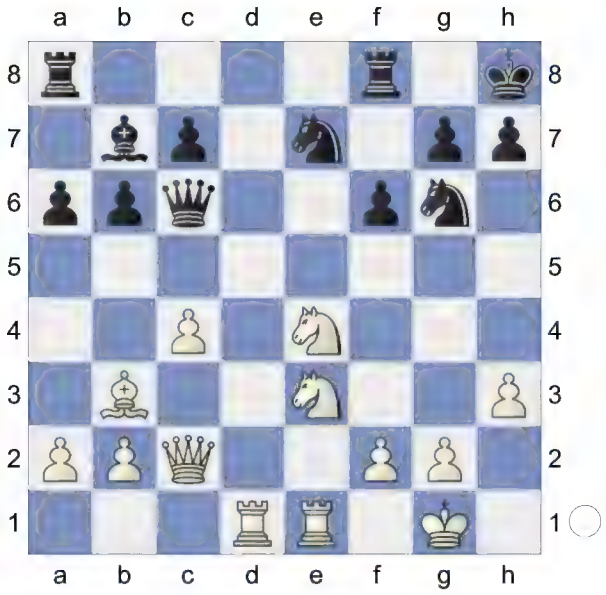
15.Nc2 Bxe3 0.87/24

[15...c5± 0.47/24 is superior.]



16.Nxe3± dxe4 17.Nxe4 b6 18.Qc2 Strongly threatening Rad1. White is more active. **18...Bb7 19.Rad1 Qe8 20.c4 Qc6**

(Diagram)



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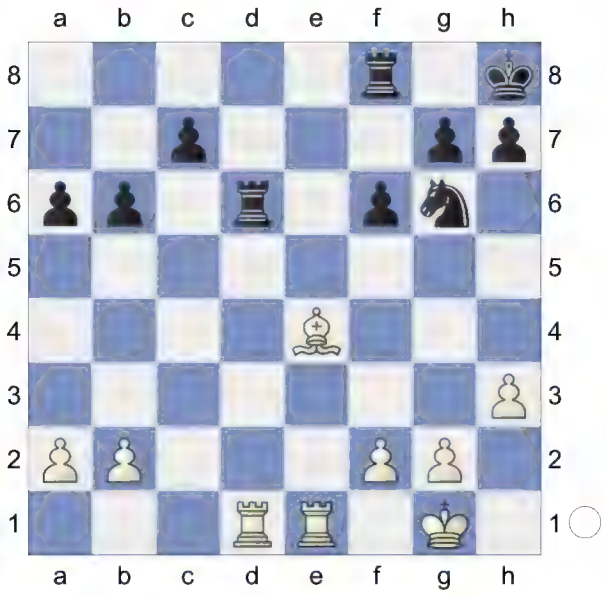
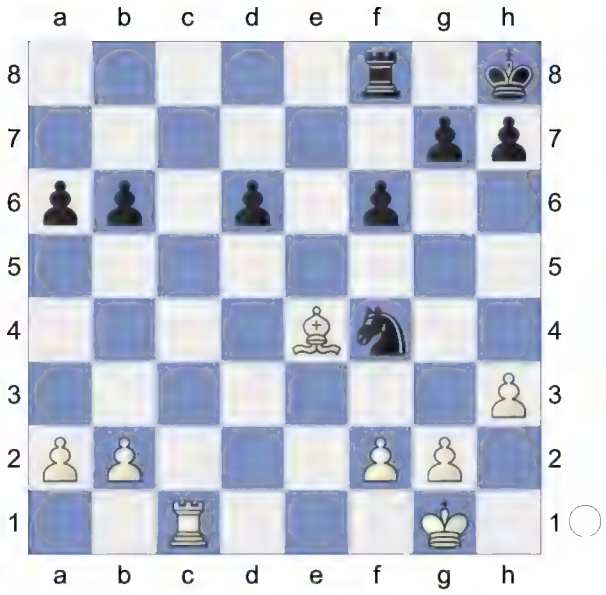
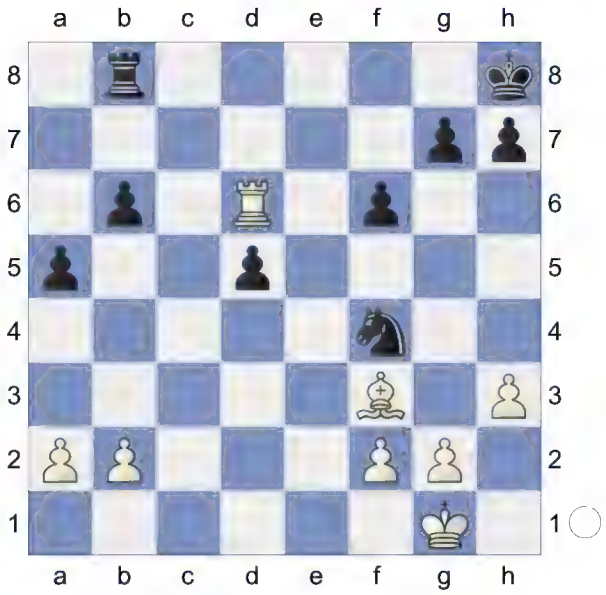


26.Rxd6 cxd6± Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **27.Rc1 Nf4**

(Diagram)



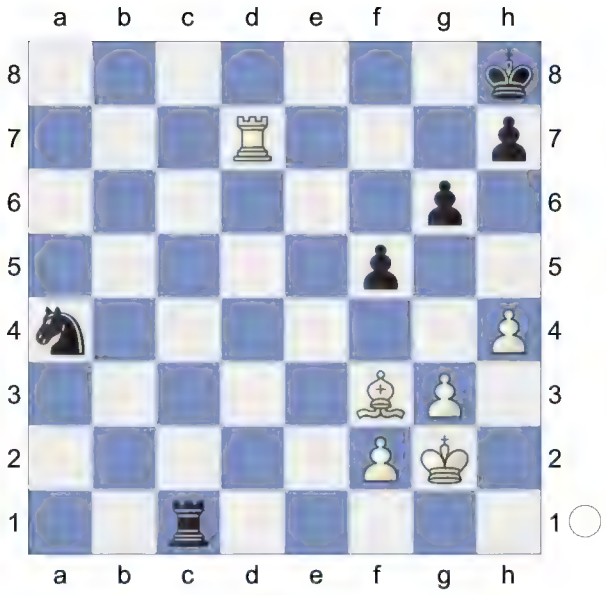
28.Rc6 White has compensation. **28...d5 29.Bf3 Rb8 30.Rd6 a5**



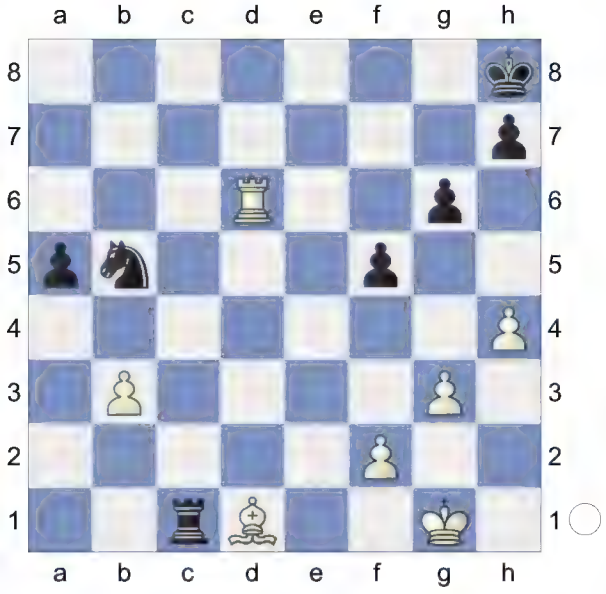
31.b3 f5 32.h4 g6 33.g3 Nd3 34.Rxd5 Nb4 The position is equal. **35.Rd2 Rc8**

(Diagram)

36.a3 Nc2 37.Rd6 Rc3 38.Bd1 Nxa3 39.Rxb6 Rc1 40.Rd6 Nb5



46.h5 Nc5 47.Re7 gxh5 48.Bxh5 Nb3 49.Rd7 Rc4 50.Bf7 Rb4



41.Rd8+ Kg7 42.Kg2 Nc3 43.Bf3 a4 44.Rd7+ Kh8 45.bxa4 Nxa4

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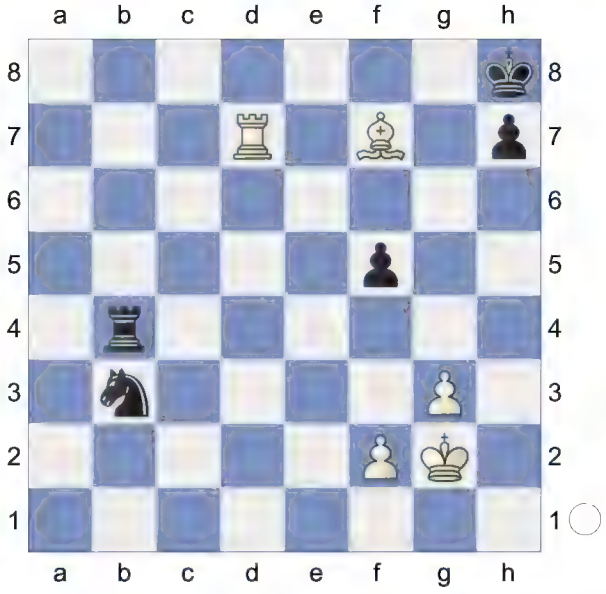
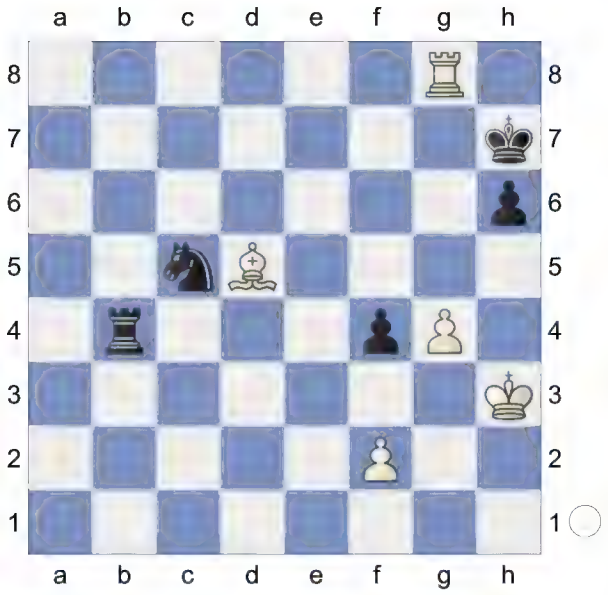
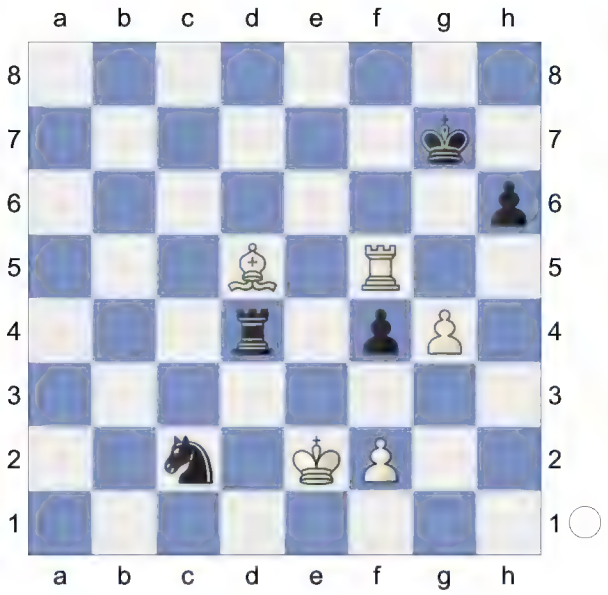


51.Kh3 f4 52.g4 Nc5 53.Rd8+ Kg7 54.Bd5 h6 55.Rg8+ Kh7

(Diagram)



56.Rf8 Rd4 57.Rf5 Nd3 58.Kg2 Kg7 59.Kf3 Ne1+ 60.Ke2 Nc2



61.Bb3 Nb4 62.Bf7 Nc6 White must now prevent ...Rb4. **63.Bh5 Nd8 64.Kf1 Rb4 65.Kg2 Rd4**

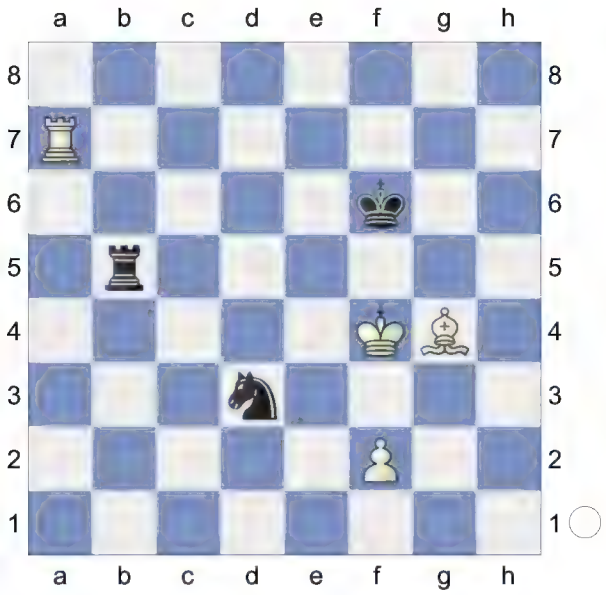
(Diagram)

66.Ra5 Ne6 67.Ra7+ Kf6 68.Ra6 Ke5 69.Ra5+ Rd5 70.Ra8 Kf6

71.Ra6 Ke7 72.Bg6 Rg5 73.Bf5 Nd4 74.Bc8 h5 75.Ra4 Nc6

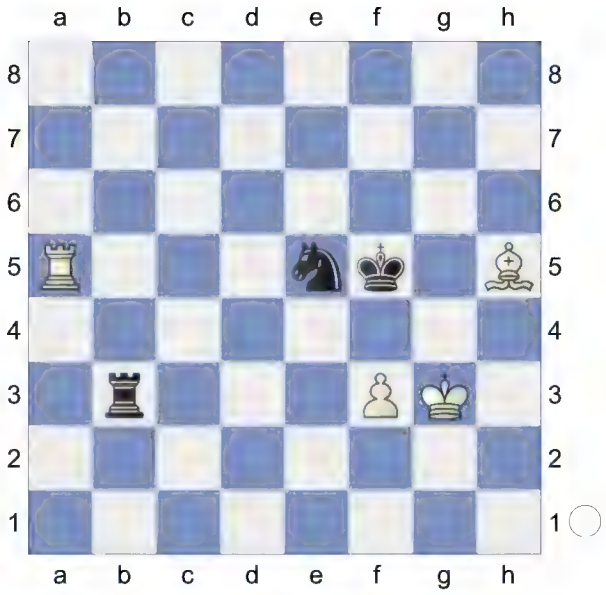
(Diagram)

76.Kf3 hxg4+ 77.Kxf4 Rb5 78.Ra6 Nb4 79.Ra7+ Kf6 80.Bxg4 Nd3+



81.Kg3 Rb3 82.Ra6+ Kg5 83.f3 Ne5 84.Ra5 Kf6 85.Bh5 Kf5

(Diagram)



86.Bg4+ Kf6 87.Ra6+ Kg5 88.Ra5 Kf6 89.Ra6+ Kg5

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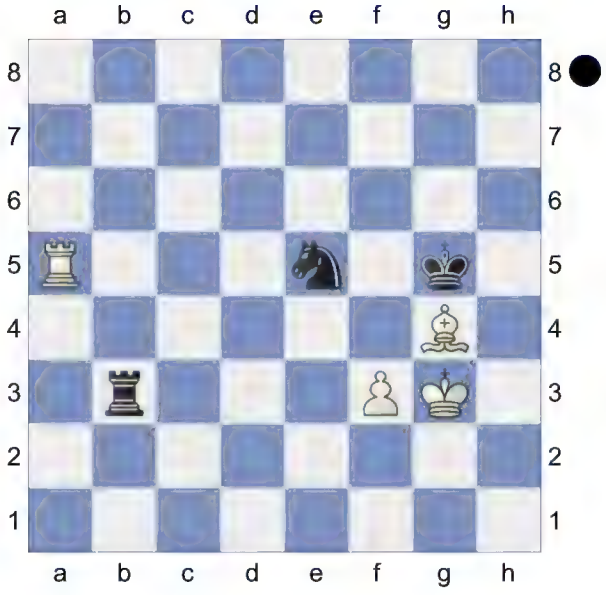
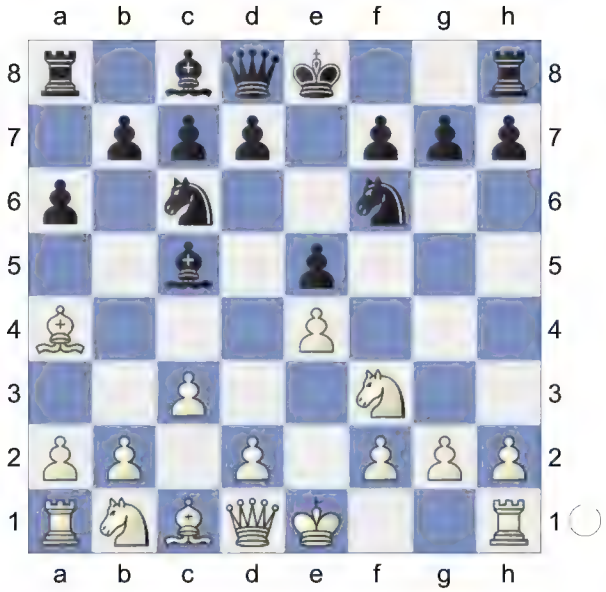
90.Ra5



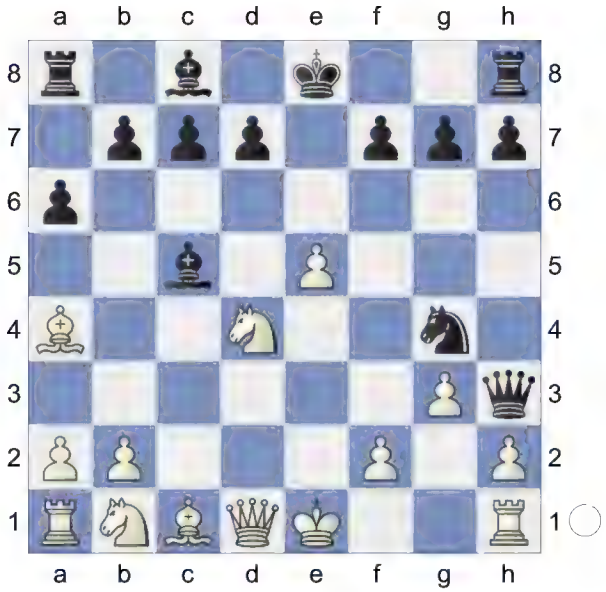
½-½

22 **C70**
□ **MaggiChess16** **2896**
■ **expositor** **2755**
Rapid 28.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
From an article in Italian sent to me by Pagni. 2nd national corr tournament 1900. Original source: Rivista Schachistica Itialiano 2:173-174, 1901
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6



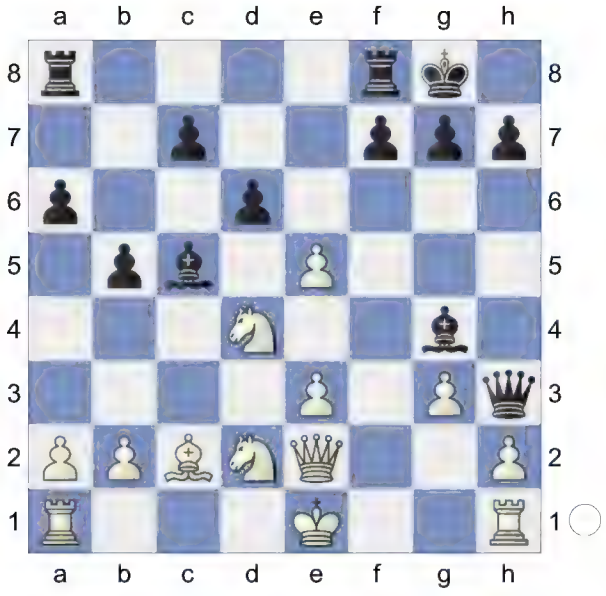
6.d4 exd4
[6...Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 20.Nc3 Rxb2 21.Rab1 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]
7.e5 Ng4N 1.22/19
[Black should play 7...Nd5 0.84/17]
[7...Ne4 8.0-0 b5 9.Bc2 Nxf2 10.Rxf2 dxc3 11.Nxc3 d6 12.Qd5 Bb7 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.Re1 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 0-0 16.Qd3 f5 17.e6 Qe8 18.e7 Rf7 19.Nd5 Rc8 20.Bb3 Na5 21.Nxc7 Rxc7 22.Bxf7+ 1-0 (34) Rosselli Del Turco,S-Guglielmetti,A 2nd Italian corr tournament 1900]
8.cxd4± White is better.
[8.Nxd4? Qh4 *(8...Ngxe5 9.0-0∓)* 9.Qe2 Bxd4 *(9...Ngxe5? 10.Bxc6* Pin *Qe7 11.Ba4+-; 9...Nxd4? 10.cxd4 Bxd4 11.g3-+; 9...Ncxe5 10.g3∓)* 10.cxd4 Nxd4-+]
8...Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qh4 10.g3! Qh3



11.Be3! 0-0 12.Nd2 d6

(Diagram)

13.Qe2! b5 aiming for ...Nxe3.
[13...Nxh2 14.0-0-0 Bxd4 15.Bxd4]
[13...dxe5 14.Nc2 Qg2 15.Rf1±]
14.Bc2 Nxe3 15.fxe3
[15.Qxe3 Bb7 16.Be4 dxe5 17.Bxb7 Bxd4±]
15...Bg4



16.N4f3 Rae8 17.0-0-0 Rxe5

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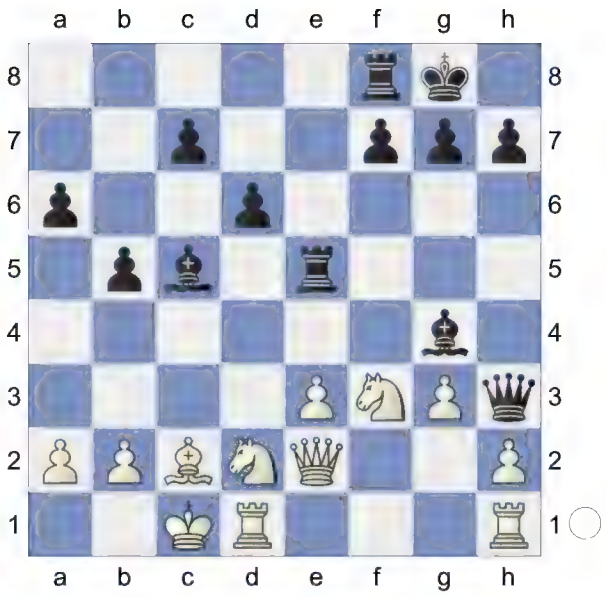
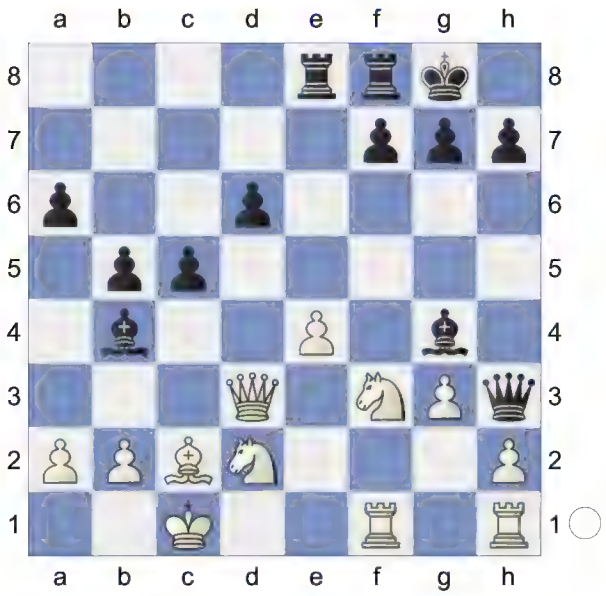
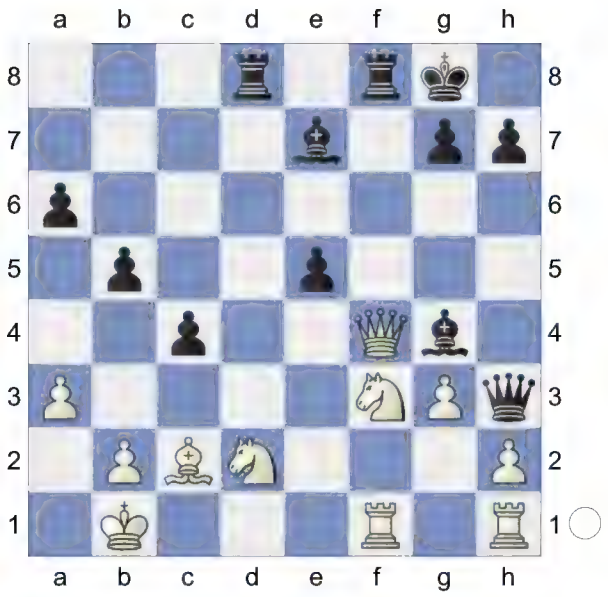


18.e4 Ree8 19.Qd3 Bb4 20.Rdf1 c5 2.26/17
[⌓20...Qh6 1.71/16 21.a3 Ba5]

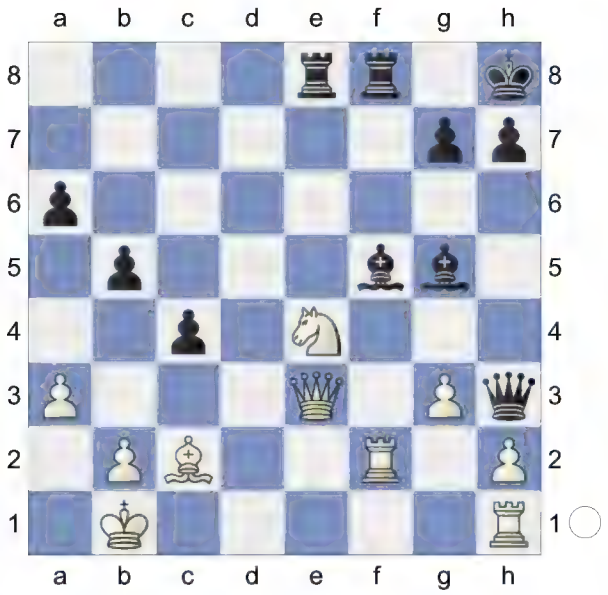


21.Qxd6+- Rd8 22.Qf4
[22.Qxa6? Qg2 23.Rhg1 Bxd2+ 24.Kb1 Qe2∓]
22...f6 23.Kb1 c4 24.a3 Be7 2.43/17
[24...Ba5± 1.54/17 25.Qe3 Rfe8]
25.e5 fxe5

(Diagram)



26.Qxe5 Bf6 27.Qe3 Bf5 28.Ne4 Kh8 29.Rf2 Rde8 30.Nfg5 Bxg5



31.Qxg5

[31.Nxg5 Bxc2+ 32.Kxc2 *(32.Rxc2? Rf1+ 33.Rxf1* Remove Defender *Qxf1+ 34.Rc1 Qf5+-+)* 32...Qg2 33.Rxg2 Rxe3]

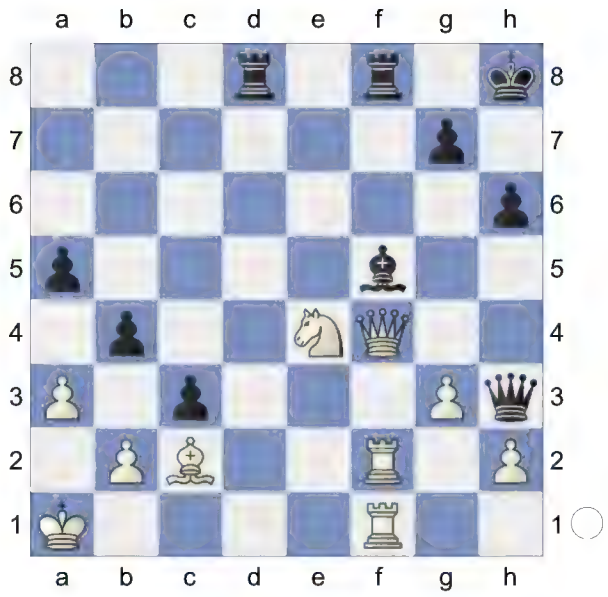
31...h6

[31...Rxe4 32.Rxf5 *(32.g4 Rf4+-)* 32...Qxf5 33.Qxf5 Rxf5 34.Bxe4+-]

32.Qd2 Rd8

[32...Rxe4 33.Qd5+-]

33.Qf4 a5 34.Rhf1 b4 35.Ka1 c3



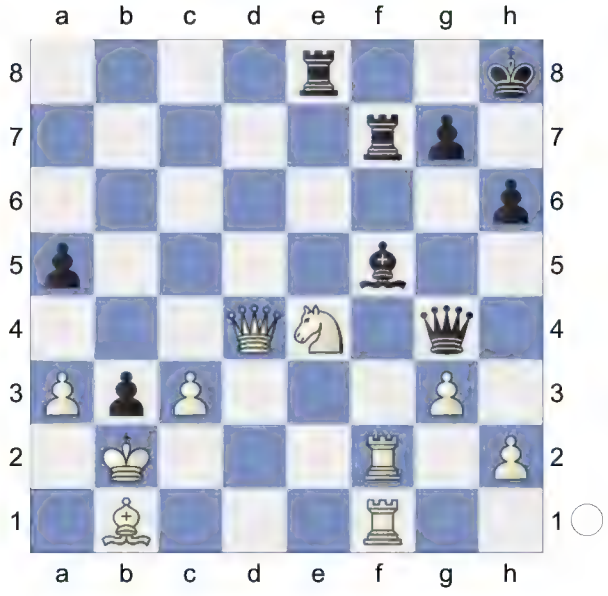
36.bxc3 b3 37.Bb1 Rb8? 6.24/20

[37...Bg6 3.55/16]

38.Kb2 Rbe8 39.Qd6

[39.Kxb3? Be6+ 40.c4 Rxf4 41.Rxf4 Bg8-+ *(41...Qxh2? 42.Rf8+ Rxf8* Remove Defender *43.Rxf8+ Bg8 44.Bd3-+)*]

39...Rf7 40.Qd4 Qg4



41.h3

[41.Kxb3 Bxe4 42.Bxe4 *(42.Rxf7?* is the wrong capture. *Rb8+ 43.Ka4 Bc6+ 44.Kxa5 Rb5+ 45.Ka4 Rxb1+* Discovered Attack (Check) *46.Ka5*

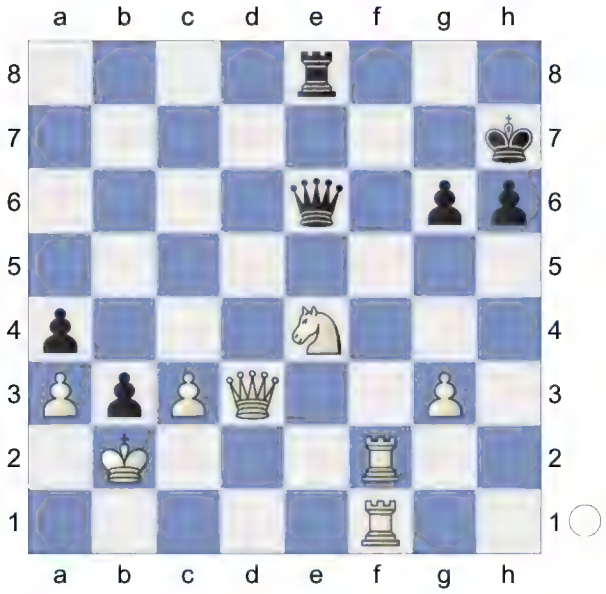
Rb5+ 47.Ka4 Rd5+ Pin, Discovered Attack (Check) *48.Kb3 Rxd4-+)* 42...Rxf2 43.Rxf2 Rxe4 44.Qd8+ Kh7=]

41...Qxh3 42.Nd6

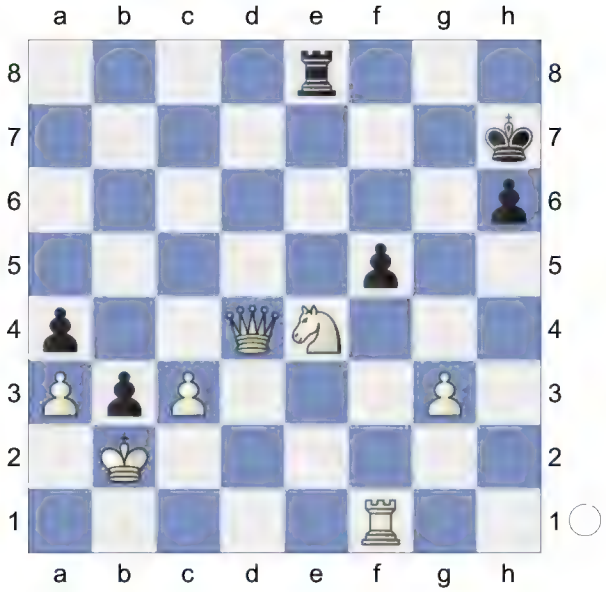
[Weaker is 42.Kxb3 Rb7+ 43.Ka2 Rxb1 44.Rxb1 *(44.Kxb1 Rxe4 45.Rxf5 Rxd4∓)* 44...Rxe4 45.Qd8+ Kh7=]

42...Bxb1 43.Nxf7+ Kh7 44.Rxb1 a4 45.Qd3+ g6

46.Nd6 White mates. **46...Rg8 47.Rbf1 Qe6 48.Ne4 Re8**



49.Qd4! Qf5 50.Rxf5 gxf5



51.Qd7+ Re7 52.Qxf5+ Kg7 53.Qg4+ Kh7 54.Nf6+ Kh8 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.38

55.Qg8#

Normal

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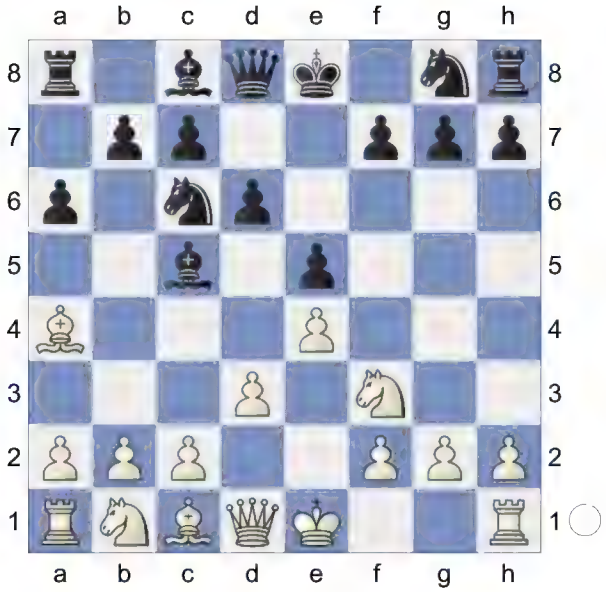
23 **C70**
□ **pmiga** **2871**
■ **BrokyLoveKFC** **2749**
Blitz 11.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.d3N
[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Bg5 c5 11.Qxc5 d6 12.Qd4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.0-0-0 Bb7 15.f3 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 a5 19.Rhd1 a4 1-0 (51) Kunze,J-Wolf,S Sachsench U10 2004 (7)]
[5.c3 Nf6 *(5...Nge7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 d5 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Bg4 12.Bxc6+ Qxc6 13.Re1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 15.d5 Qg6+ 16.Kh1 Qf5 17.c4 Rhe8 18.Rg1 Rad8 19.Be3 Kc8 20.Rxg7* (21) 6) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-6B | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.exd5 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch *)* 6.d4 *(6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nf1 h6 11.Bh4 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4 Bb6 14.bxa5 Bxa5 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.Ne3 Kh8 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.0-0 c6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 Rxb5* 1-0 (42) 13... ♖h7 and 17... ♖f7 189 (1831)-Ezat,A (1380) 145/(126) Douglas 2019 (2)*)* 6...Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]

5...d6



6.c3 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 -0.20/20
[8.Be3 0.19/18]
8...Ba7= 9.Be3 Bg4 10.d5 Bxe3

11.fxe3 Nb8 12.Nbd2 Nd7 13.Qe1 c6 14.Qg3 Bh5 15.dxc6 bxc6

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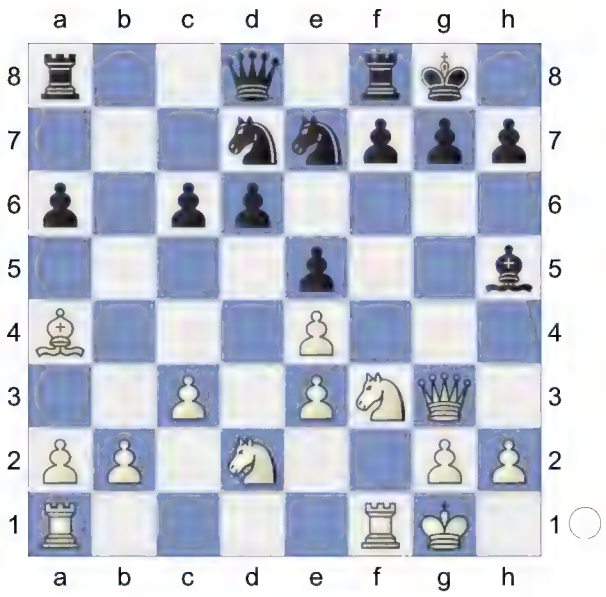
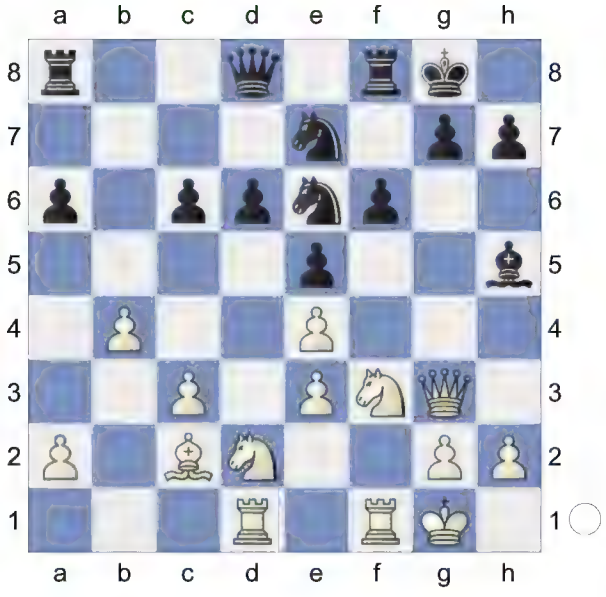


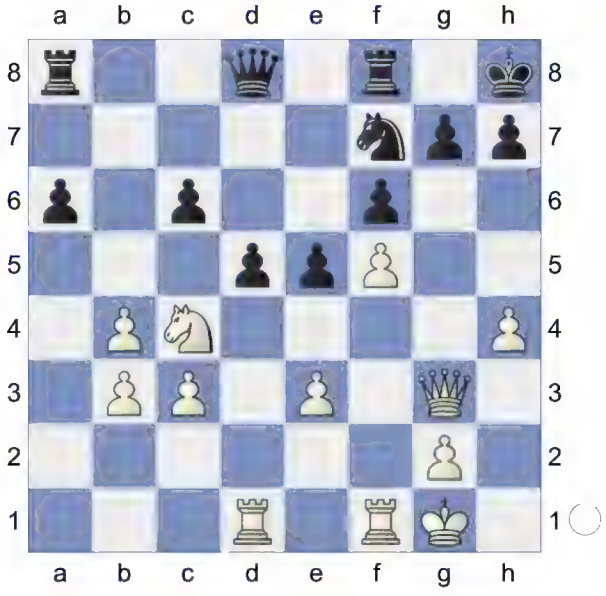
16.Rad1 Nc5 -0.19/20
[16...Qc7∓ -0.57/19]
17.Bc2 f6! 18.b4 Ne6 1.42/20
[Black should try 18...Nb7!= -0.18/18]



19.Bb3 0.36/16
[19.Nc4!± 1.42/20 Nc8 20.Bb3]
19...Bf7!± 20.Nh4 0.00/19
[20.Nc4± 0.36/19 d5 21.a3]
20...Kh8=

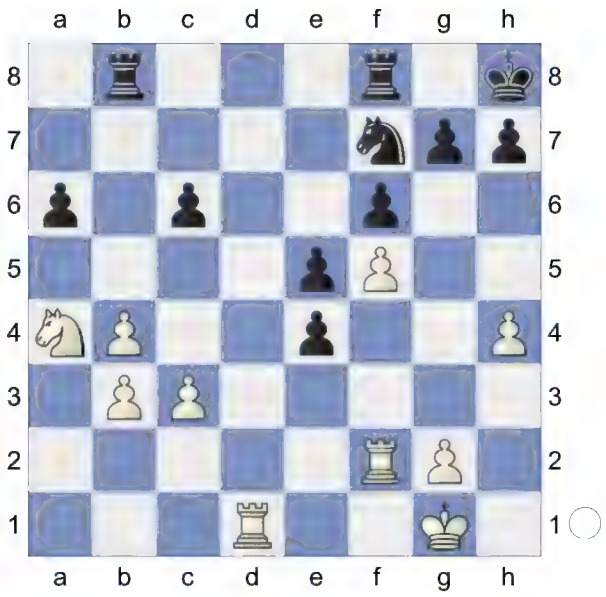
(Diagram)

21.Nf5 Nxf5 22.exf5 Ng5 23.h4 Bxb3
Remove Defender **24.axb3 Nf7**
25.Nc4! d5



26.e4 Qd7 1.40/21
[26...d4= 0.17/18]
27.Nb6 0.26/16
[White should play 27.exd5± 1.40/21
Hoping for d6. cxd5 28.Nb6]
27...Qa7 28.Qf2 Rab8 29.Na4 Qxf2+
30.Rxf2 -0.07/22
[30.Kxf2± 0.41/23 Rbd8 31.Nc5]
30...dxe4

(Diagram)

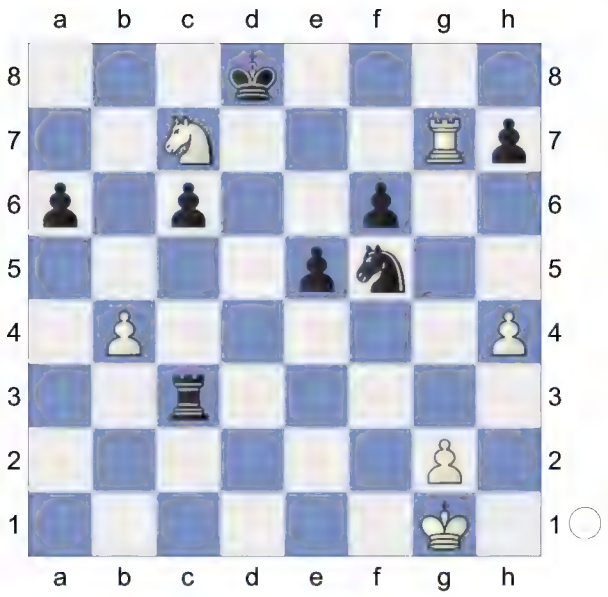


31.Nc5 e3↑ Black fights for an advantage. **32.Re2 Nh6 33.Rf1 Rfd8** Inhibits Nd7.
[33...Ng4?! 34.Nd7± *(34.Nxa6 Ra8∓)*]
34.Rxe3 Rd2 0.33/21
[34...Ng4= -0.16/22 35.Re2 g6]
35.Ne4 -0.07/21
[35.h5± 0.33/21 should be considered.]
35...Rb2

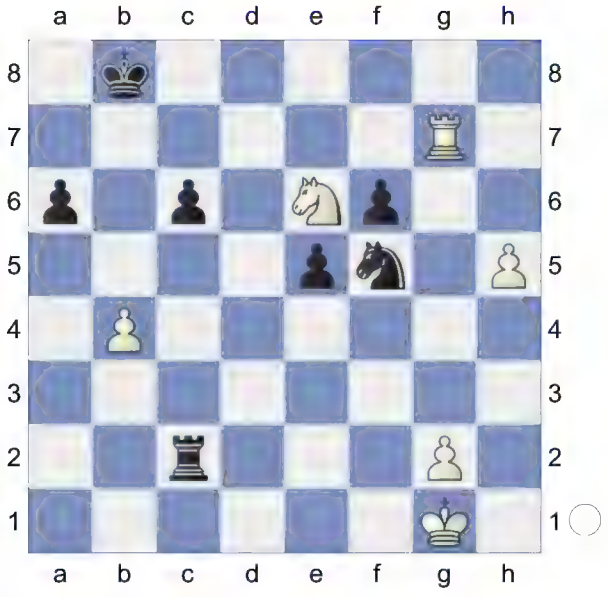
36.Nc5 -0.58/23
[36.Ree1= 0.00/21]
36...Rd8 0.00/21
[36...Ng4∓ -0.58/23 37.Rd3 h5]
37.Rd3 -0.82/19
[37.Rg3= 0.00/21 keeps the balance.]
37...Rxd3∓ 38.Nxd3 Rxb3 Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **39.Nc5 Rxc3 40.Rd1 Kg8** -0.26/19
[40...Nxf5 41.Rd8#]
[40...Rc4∓ -0.97/19 And now ...Rd4 would win. 41.Rd8+ Ng8 42.Nxa6 h5 *(42...Rxh4 43.Rc8=)*]

41.Rd8+= Kf7 42.Rd7+ Kf8
[42...Kg8!? 43.Rd8+□ Kf7 44.Rd7+ Ke8 45.Rxg7 Rc1+ *(45...Nxf5 46.Rxh7 Rc1+ 47.Kh2=)* 46.Kh2 Rc4∓ *(46...Nxf5 47.Rxh7 Rc4 48.Nxa6∓)*]
43.Ne6+ Ke8 44.Rxg7 Nxf5 45.Nc7+ Kd8

(Diagram)



46.Ne6+ Kc8 47.Rxh7 Rc2 48.h5
White has compensation. **48...Ne3**
49.Rc7+
[49.h6!? Ng4□ *(49...Rxg2+? 50.Kh1+-)* 50.g3 *(50.Rc7+ Kb8∓)* 50...Rc1+ 51.Kg2 Rc2+ 52.Kh3+-]
49...Kb8 50.Rg7 Nf5 1.87/21
[50...f5= 0.18/21]



Inhibits h6. **51.Rg8+ Kb7**

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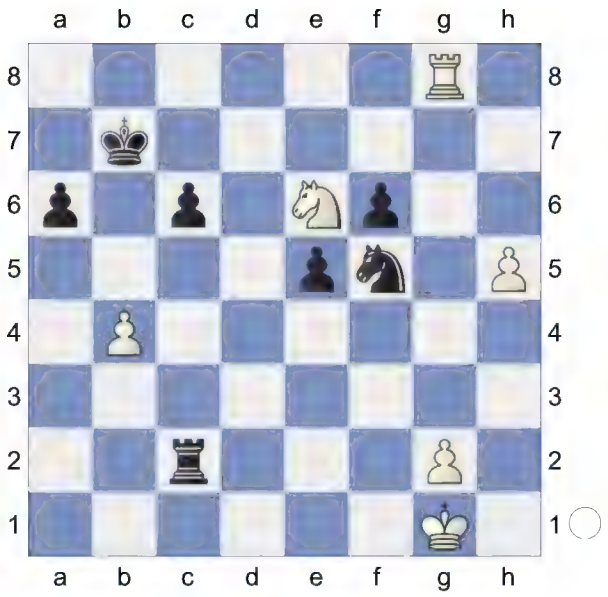
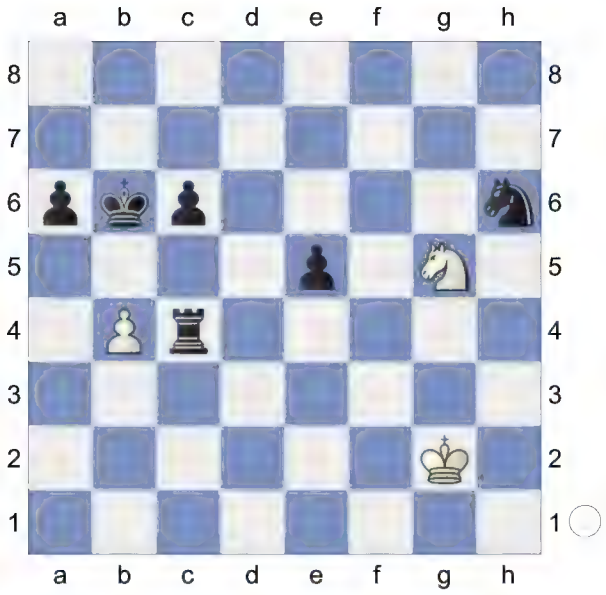
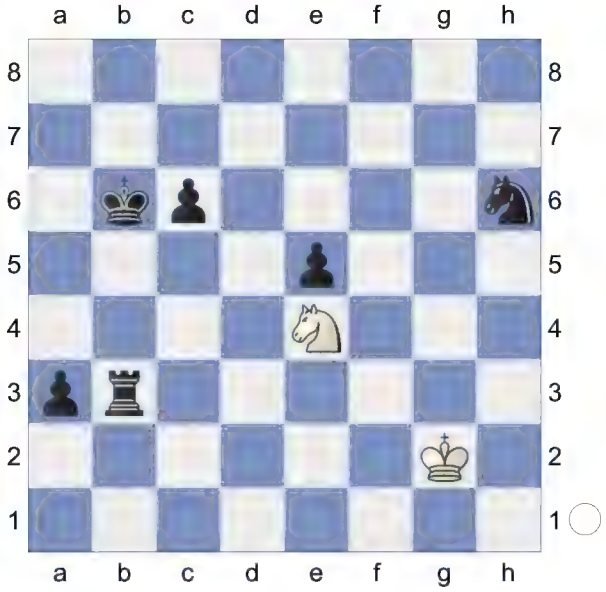


52.Rg6! Kb6
[Of course not 52...Rc1+ 53.Kh2±]
53.Rxf6 Ng3 3.15/20
[53...Rc1+± 1.57/20 54.Kh2 Ne3]
54.h6+- Rc1+ 5.24/19
[⌓54...Rc4 3.62/17 55.h7 Rc1+ 56.Kh2 Rh1+ 57.Kxg3 Rxh7]
55.Kf2?? -5.41/20
[55.Kh2+- 5.24/19 is the narrow road to win. Rh1+ 56.Kxg3]
55...Ne4+-+

56.Kf3 Nxf6 57.g4 Rc3+ 58.Kf2 Nxg4+ 59.Kg2 Nxh6 60.Ng5 Rc4



61.Ne6 Rxb4 62.Nd8 Rb3 63.Ne6 a5 64.Ng5 a4 65.Ne4 a3



66.Nd2 Rb2 Black mates. **67.Kf3 Rxd2 68.Ke3 Rb2 69.Kd3 a2 70.Kc3 a1Q**

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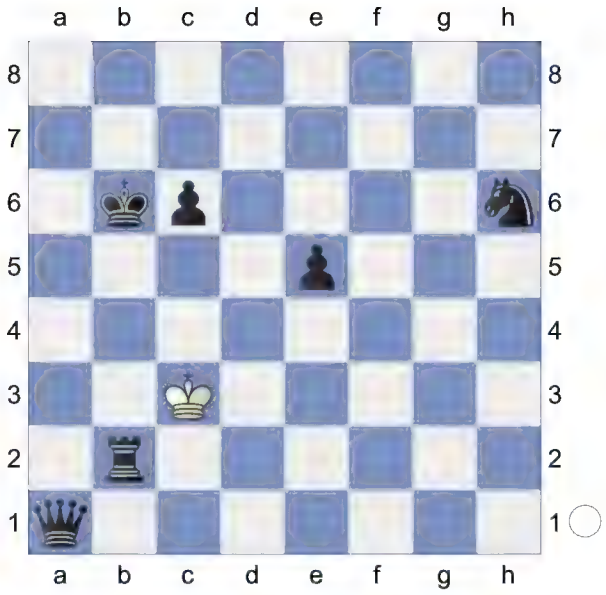
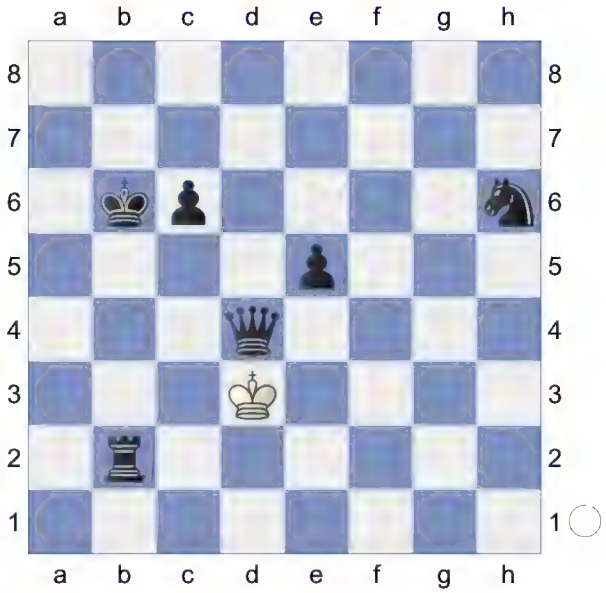


71.Kd3 Qa3+ 72.Ke4 Qe7 73.Kf3 Qf6+ 74.Ke3 Qf4+ 75.Kd3 What a bad dream for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.37

75...Qd4#



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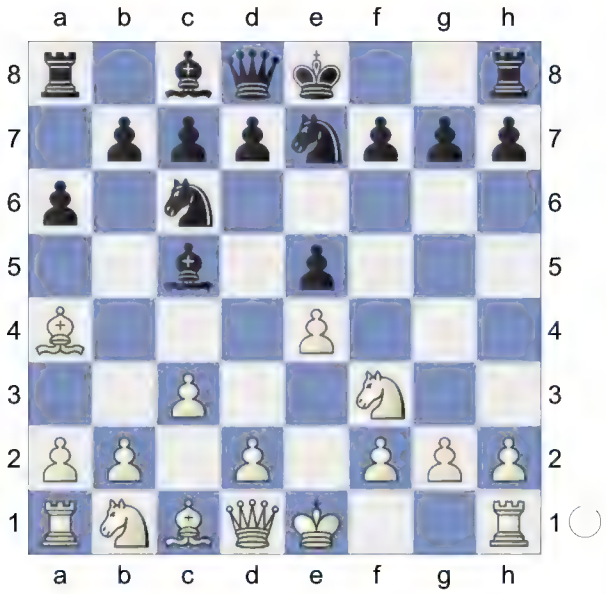
24 **C70**
□ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2747**
■ **Grischuk,A** **2745**
Crocus City Stars Blitz (3.1) 28.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7



6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6 White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2** 10.Nbd2 scores better than 10. d5. 10.Sbd2 punktet besser als 10.d5. **10...d6**

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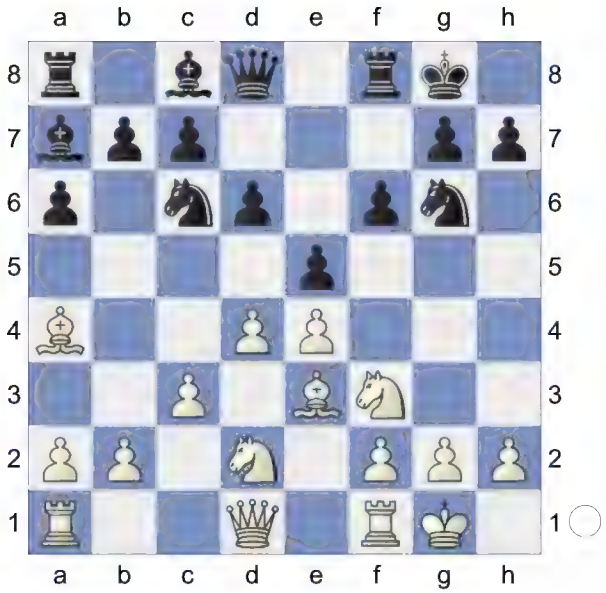

11.Re1 Kh8 12.h3 Bd7 13.Nf1 Nce7N 'N!?' New and interesting.Theoretisch interessant.

[Vorgänger: 13...exd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.Ng3 *(15.e5 fxe5 16.Bg5 Qe8 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Nxe5 Rf5 19.Qg4 Bd7 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.h4 Rf7 22.Qxd7 Rxd7 23.h5 Nf8 24.Rad1 h6 25.Be7 Re8 26.Bxf8 Rxf8 27.Nh2 c5 28.Nf3 Kg8 29.Ne5 Rdd8* 0-1 (67) 4.h3 ♘f6 5.♘f3 00 6.♗e2 (2510)-Malbran,E (2536) EU-Cup 23rd Kemeri 2007 (4)*)* 15...dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nce7 17.Nc3 -0.12/21 *(⌓17.Bb3 0.25/18)* 17...Bxa4 18.Qxa4 Nf5 19.Rad1 Re8 0-1 (44) Pranav,V (2545)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2684) Tel Aviv 2022]

[13...Qe8 14.Bc2 Nd8 15.Ng3 Ne6 16.a4 Nef4 17.a5 Qc8 18.Nf5 d5 19.dxe5 dxe4 20.Bxf4 Bxf5 21.exf6 exf3 22.fxg7+ Kxg7 23.Bg3 Bxc2 24.Qxc2 Qf5 25.Re4 fxg2 26.Rae1 Rf7 27.Qe2 Raf8 28.Kxg2 0-1 (32) Kozganbay,E (2260)-Mendez Machado,A (2165) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Early blitz 2025

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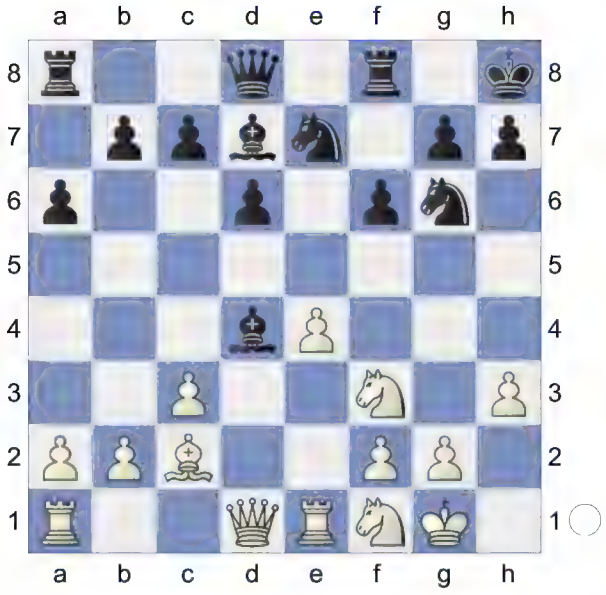
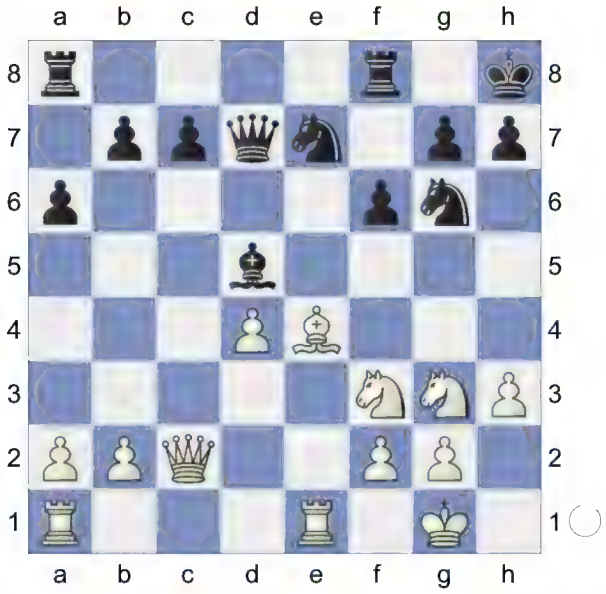
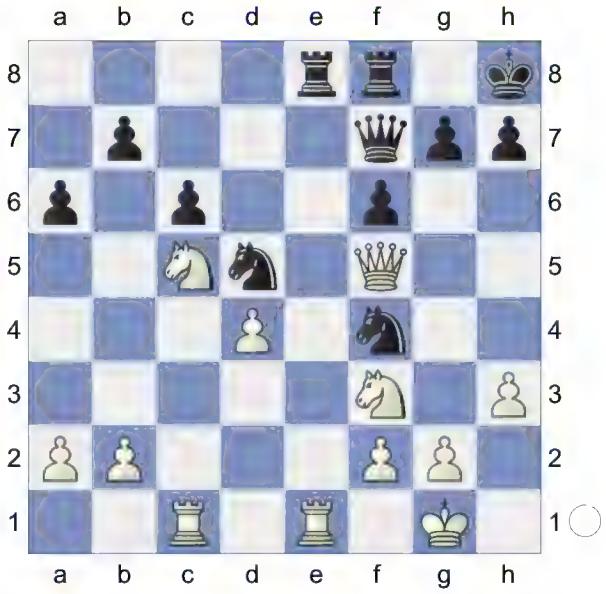
14.Bc2 exd4 15.Bxd4 0.38/19
[15.cxd4± 0.78/20 d5 16.e5]
15...Bxd4±



16.cxd4 d5 17.Ng3 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Bc6 0.81/20
[18...f5= 0.29/20 remains equal. 19.Bxb7 Ra7]
19.Qb3 0.00/21
[White should try 19.Bxc6± 0.81/20 Nxc6 20.d5]
19...Bd5= 20.Qc2 Qd7



21.Rac1 c6 22.Bxd5 Nxd5 23.Ne4 Rae8 24.Nc5 Qf7 0.27/20
[⌓24...Qc8 -0.13/19]
25.Qf5 -0.13/18
[25.g3 0.27/20 might be stronger.]
25...Ngf4



aiming for ...Ne2+. **26.Ng5?** -3.09/19 **Qg6?** 0.03/22
[26...fxg5? too greedy. 27.Qxf7 Rb8 *(27...Rxe1+? 28.Rxe1 Rg8 29.Re8+-)* 28.Qd7+-]
[26...Qh5-+ -3.09/19 27.Nd7 *(27.Rxe8? Rxe8 28.Kh2 Qxg5-+)* 27...Rxe1+ *(27...Qxg5? 28.Qxg5 fxg5 29.Nxf8-+)* 28.Rxe1 Ra8 *(28...fxg5 29.Qxf8#)*]
27.Qxg6 hxg6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.35
28.Nf3? -2.98/20
[28.Nge6= 0.06/25 and White has nothing to worry. Nxe6 29.Nxe6]

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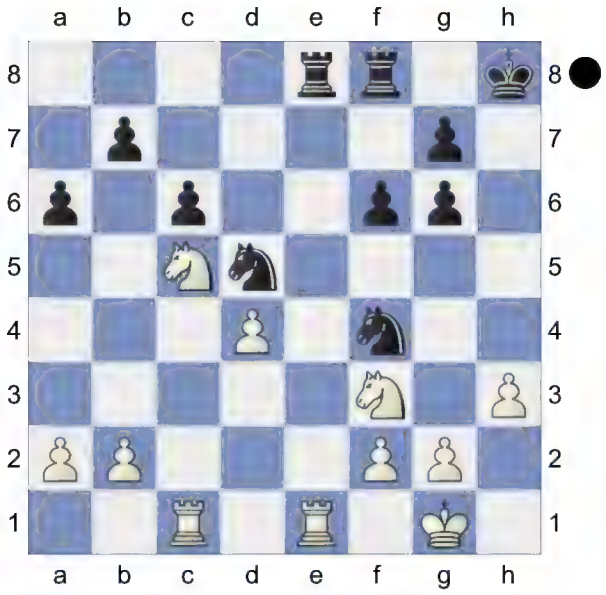

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25 **C70**
□ **Sjugirov,Sanan** **2712**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2745**
Crocus City Stars Blitz (13.1) 30.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
This was the final round of the event. I was really motivated to finish the event on a high note. My opponent was having a good tournament so far. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**

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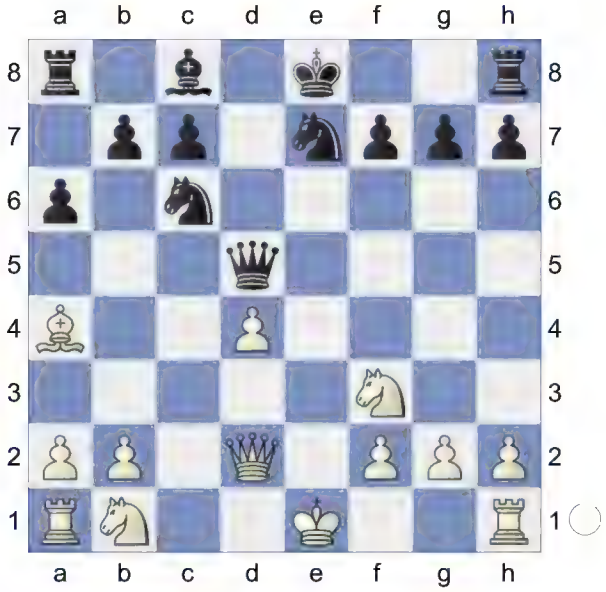
6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Qxd5**



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[11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Kf1 *(12.Qe3 0-0 13.0-0 Qd6 14.Rad1 Be6 15.Ng5 Nd5 16.Qd3 g6 17.Nce4 Qe7 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Bb3 Nce7 20.Rfe1 Rad8 21.h4 h5 22.Ng5 Qf6 23.Qg3 c6 24.Ne4 Qg7 25.Nc5 Nf5 26.Qg5 b6* 1-0 (103) Safarli,E (2609)-Deac,B (2696) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early blitz 2025 (10)*)* 12...Qc4+

13.Kg1 Be6 14.Ne5 Qb4 15.a3 Qb6 16.Bxc6+ Nxc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h4 0-0-0 19.h5 Bd5 20.f3 Qf6 21.Qf2 Bb3 22.Rh4 Rhe8 23.Rg4 Qh6 24.Re1 f5 25.Rh4 Bf7 1-0 (52) Praggnanandhaa,R (2612)-Esipenko, A (2714) Tata Steel-A 84th 2022 (13)]

11...0-0 12.Nc3 Qh5N

[12...Qd6 13.d5 b5 14.dxc6 Qxd2 15.Nxd2 bxa4 16.Nxa4 Nxc6 17.Nb3 9. Ruy Lopez Delayed Classica-Delayed Classical Bxd2]

13.Rfe1 Be6 14.Ne5 Rad8 15.Bxc6 Nxc6

16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Qf4 Qa5 18.Rad1 Qb4 19.Qd2 Rd7 20.Re4 Rfd8

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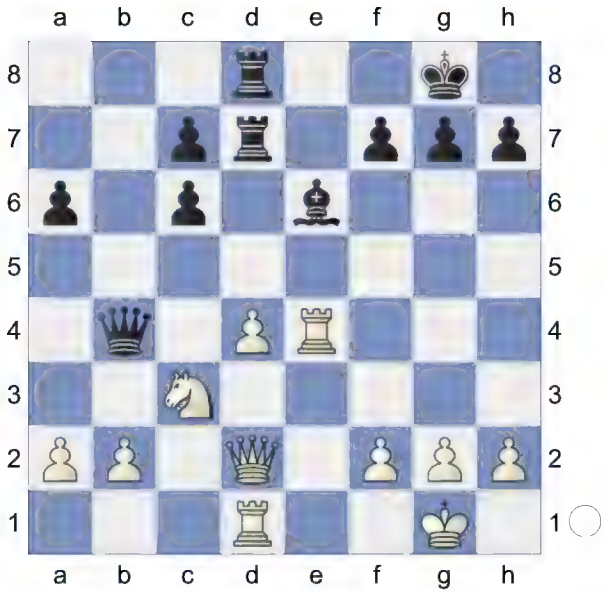
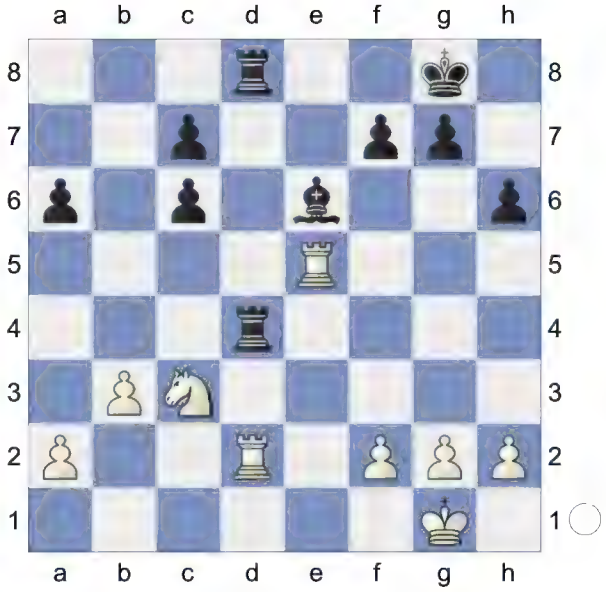
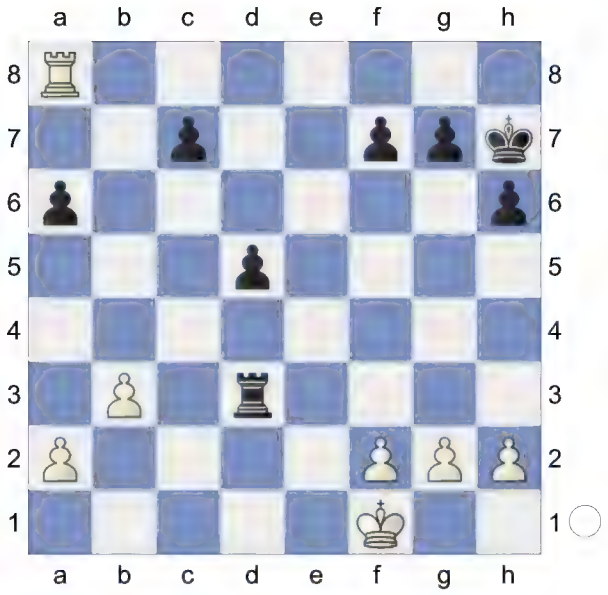


21.b3 h6 22.Na4 Qxd2 23.Rxd2 Rd5 24.Nc3 R5d6 25.Re5 Rxd4

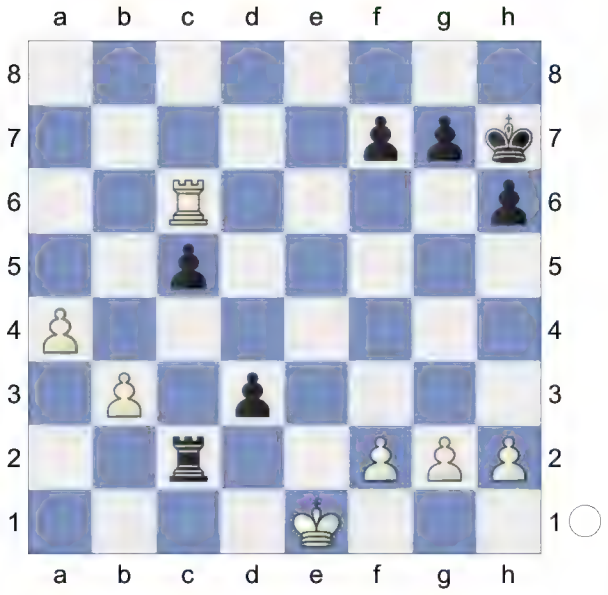


26.Rxd4 Rxd4= Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **27.Kf1 Bd5 28.Re8+ Kh7 29.Ra8 Rd3 30.Nxd5 cxd5**

(Diagram)

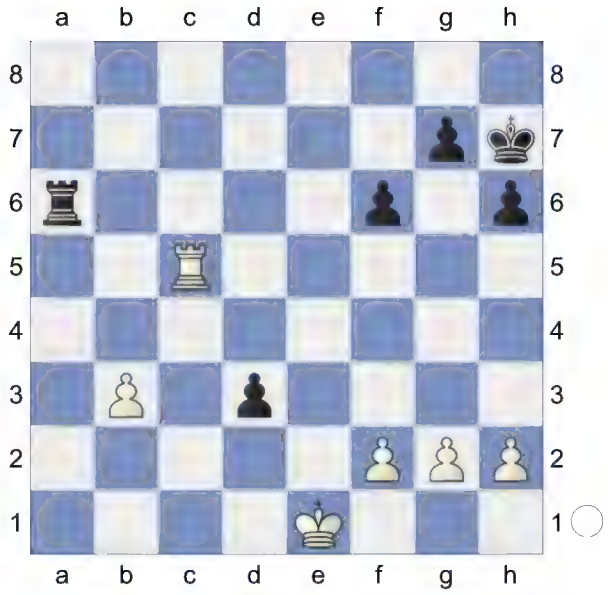


KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **31.Ke2 Rc3 32.Rxa6 Rc2+ 33.Ke1 c5 34.Rc6 d4 35.a4 d3**
[35...Rb2 simplifies 36.Rxc5 Rxb3 37.Kd2 Ra3]

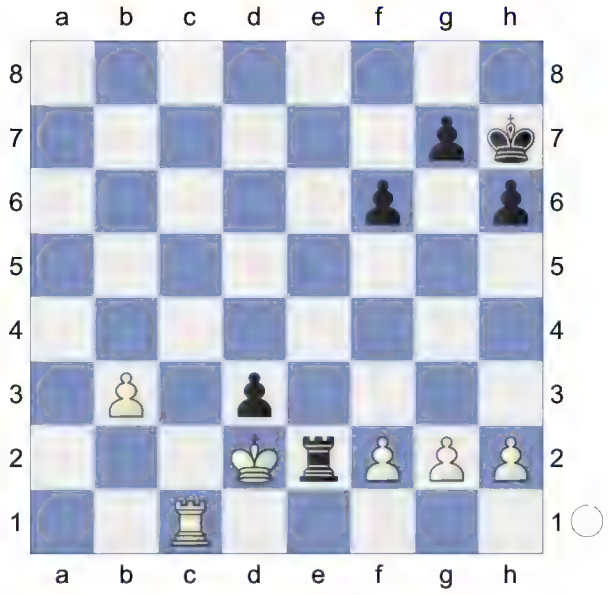


36.a5 f6 0.75/21
[36...Rb2= 0.10/25]
37.a6± Ra2 1.44/21
[⌓37...Kg6 0.95/20]
38.Rxc5 Rxa6

(Diagram)



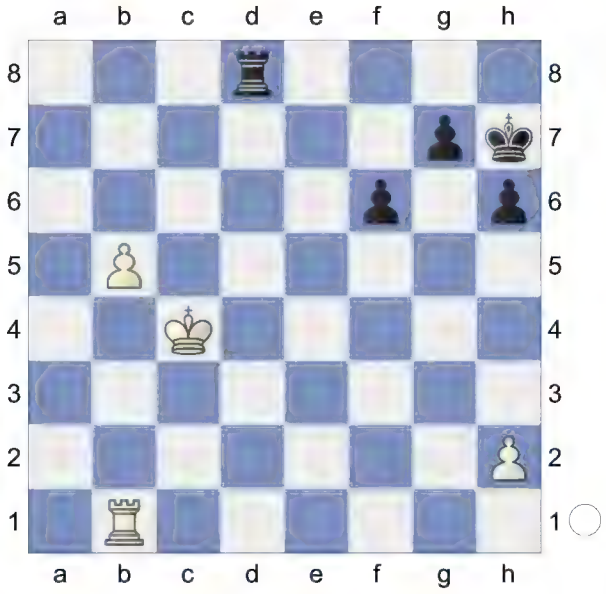
39.Rc1? 0.06/23
[39.Kd2!+- 1.89/27]
39...Re6+? 3.22/31
[39...Ra2= 0.06/23 40.Rd1 Re2+ 41.Kf1 Rb2]
40.Kd2+- Re2+



41.Kxd3 Rxf2 42.Rb1? -0.01/29
[White must play 42.Rc2+- 2.89/24 Rf4 43.Rb2]
42...Rxg2= 43.b4 Threatens to win with b5. White stays focused until the end.
43...Rg5 5.97/23
[43...Rxh2= -0.06/25 44.b5 Ra2

(44...Rh3+ 45.Kd4∓)]

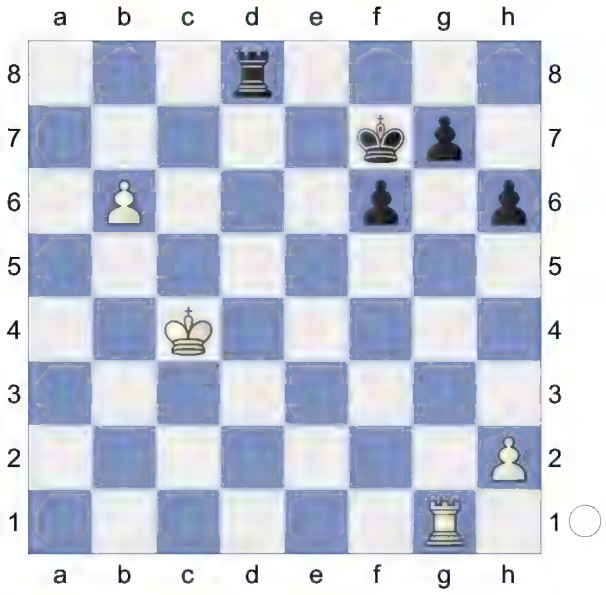
44.b5+- Rd5+ 45.Kc4 Rd8



46.b6 Kg6 47.Rg1+? 1.00/21

[47.b7+- 7.60/25 and White stays clearly on top. Rb8 48.Kd5]

47...Kf7±



48.Kc5! White has strong compensation.

48...Rd2? 5.62/21

[48...f5± 1.53/22 49.b7 g5]

49.Rb1+- Rd8 8.32/23

[⌓49...Rc2+ 5.08/18 50.Kb5 Rc8]

50.b7 Rb8

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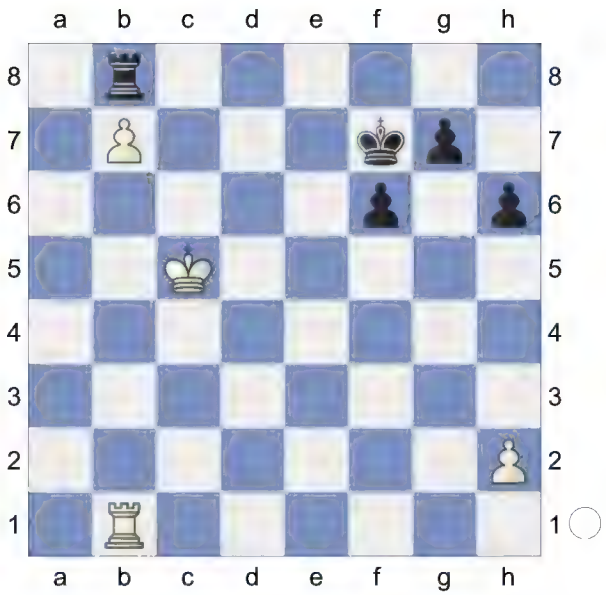
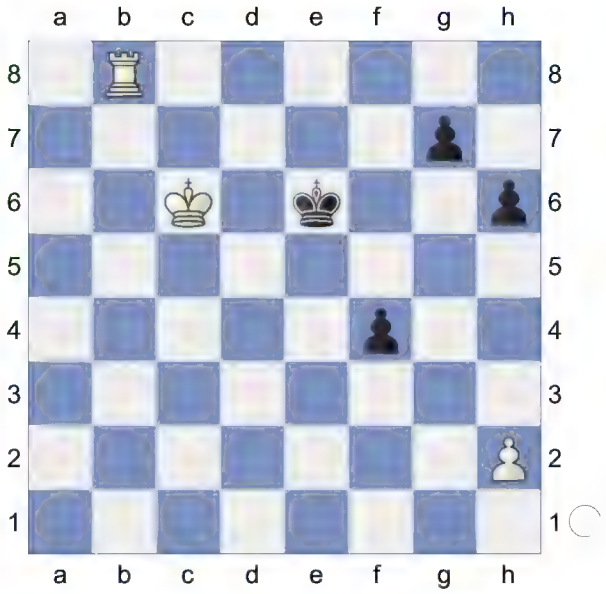


51.Kd6 f5 52.Kc7 Re8 53.b8Q

[53.b8B Kg6±]

53...Rxb8 54.Rxb8 KR-K3P **54...Ke6 55.Kc6 f4**



56.Kc5 Kf5 57.Kd4 h5 58.Kd3 g5 59.Ke2 Kg4 60.Kf2 Kh3

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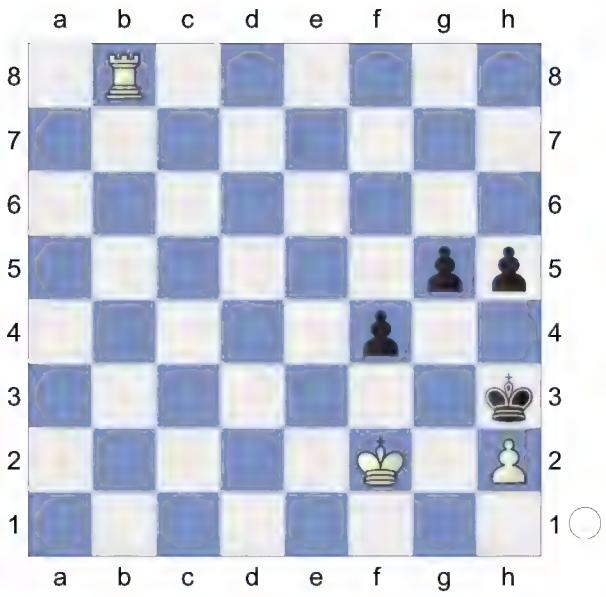
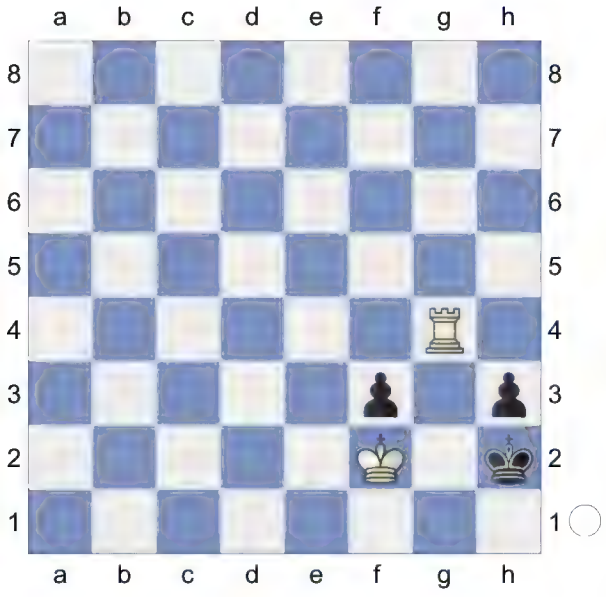
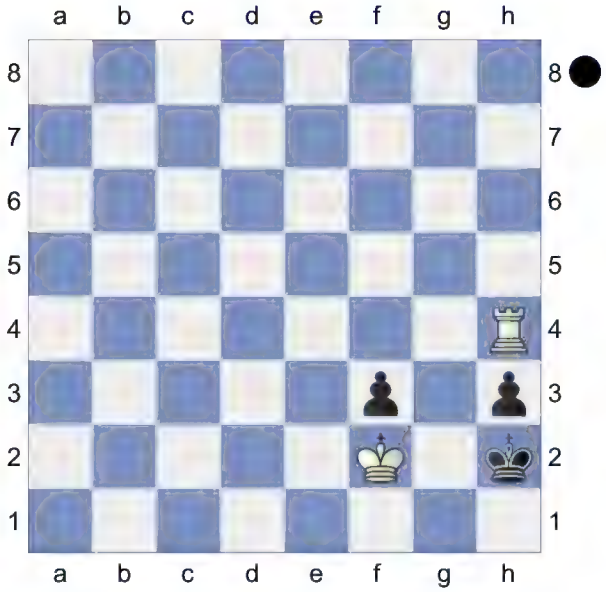


61.Rh8 10.48/16
[⌓61.Rb5 #16/20 Kg4 62.Re5 f3 63.Ra5 Kf4 64.Ra4+ Deflection Ke5 65.Kxf3 Kf6 66.Ke4]
61...h4 62.Rg8 14.75/21
[⌓62.Kf3 #27/23 Kxh2 63.Rg8 Kg1 64.Rxg5+ Kf1 65.Re5 *(65.Kxf4 Ke2+-; 65.Rh5 Ke1+-)* 65...h3 66.Re2 *(66.Kxf4 h2=; 66.Rh5 Ke1 67.Rxh3 Kd1 68.Kxf4 Kc2 69.Re3 Kd2 70.Kf3 Kd1)* 66...h2 67.Rxh2]
62...g4 63.Rg7 White mates. **63...f3 64.Rg8 Kxh2 65.Rxg4 h3**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.74
66.Rh4



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26	**C70**
□ **Hou,Yifan**	**2628**
■ **Grischuk,A**	**2745**
Satty Zhuldyz Rapid 2023 (7.6)	21.04.23

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 d6

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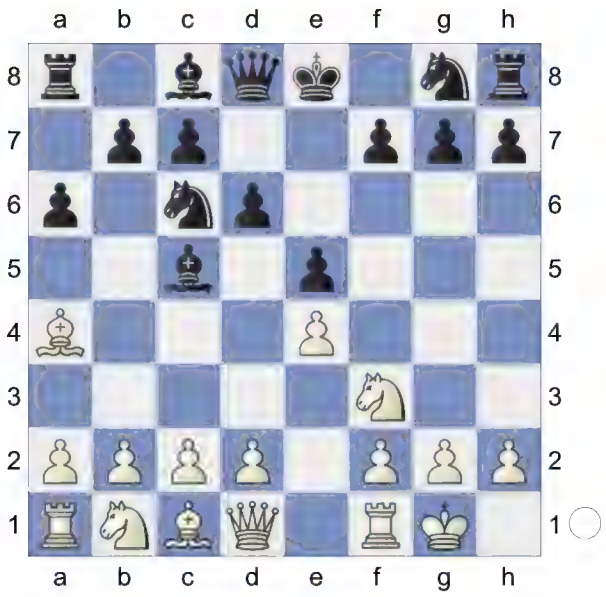


6.c3 Bg4

[6...Bd7 7.d4 Ba7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 f6 11.h3 Kh8 12.Nf1 Be8 13.Ng3 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxa4 16.Qxa4 Qe8 17.Qxe8 Rfxe8 18.Rad1 Kg8 19.f3 Kf7 20.Ne2 a5 21.a4 ½-½ (24) Sevian,S (2687)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2691) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2023 (7)]

7.d4N

[7.h3 Bh5 8.d3 *(8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.d3 Ne7 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Ba7 13.Qa4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Qc4 Nf4 16.Re1 Qd5 17.Re5 Nxh3+ 18.Kf1 Qxc4+ 19.Nxc4 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Bxd4 21.Re4 Rad8 22.Na5 Bb6* 0-1 (38) Ivanovic, B (2328)-Petrov,N (2585) MNT-ch 77th Podgorica 2025 (7)*; 8.d4 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 exd4 10.e5 d5 11.cxd4 Ba7 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Qg4 Ne7 14.Qxg7 Rg8 15.Qxh7 Bxd4 16.Re1 Kd7 17.Nc3 Rg6 18.Qxf7 Qh8 19.e6+ Kc8 20.Qxe7 Kb7 21.Bf4 Bb6 22.Kh2 Rag8* 1-0 (35) Martin Ayala,D (1891)-Vila Tormo,E (1634) Sueca op 7th 2023 (7) *23.Bg3 Rxg3 24.fxg3 Bf2 25.Qb4+ Ka7 26.Qf4 Bxg3+ 27.Qxg3 Rxg3 28.Kxg3 d4 29.e7 Qe8 30.Na4 d3 31.Rad1 Kb8 32.Rxd3 Qg6+ 33.Kh2 Qxd3 34.e8Q+ Ka7 35.Qe3+* 1-0 Miscellanous Tries For Black (1891)-10.♕d3 a6 (1634) 125/(72) Biel 2015 (7) *)* 8...Nge7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nh4 Kh8 12.Ndf3 d5 13.Qe2 f6 14.Nxg6+ Nxg6 15.Bd2 Qd6 16.Rad1 b5 17.Bb3 d4 18.Bd5 Rad8 19.Bxc6 Qxc6 20.cxd4 Bxd4 21.Rc1 Qe6 ½-½ (42) Grischuk,A (2759)-Petrov,N (2519) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (2)]

7...exd4 0.78/21

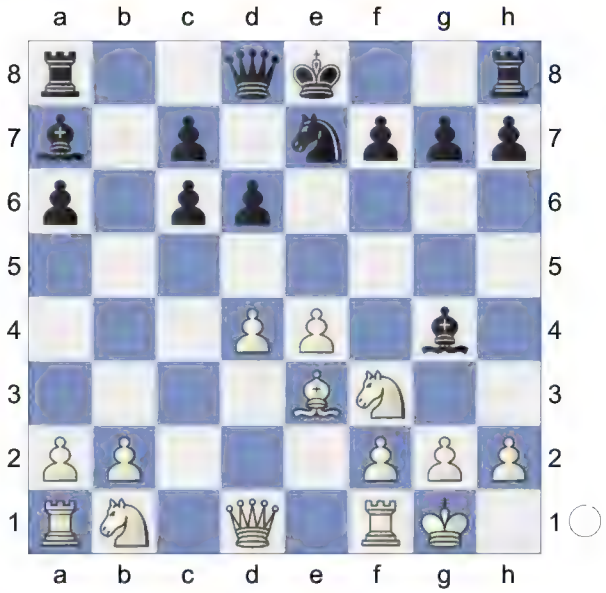
[7...Bxf3± 0.33/22 8.Qxf3 exd4]

8.cxd4± Ba7! White is slightly better.

9.Bxc6+ 0.39/16

[Better is 9.Be3± 0.75/22]

9...bxc6± 10.Be3 Ne7



11.h3 Bh5 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.Qc2 Qd7 14.Nh4 d5 15.Nf5 Rae8 0.46/20

[15...dxe4= 0.10/21 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7]

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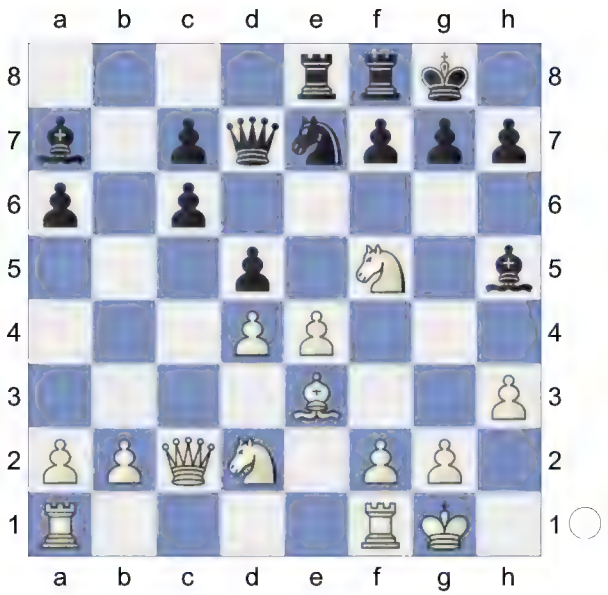
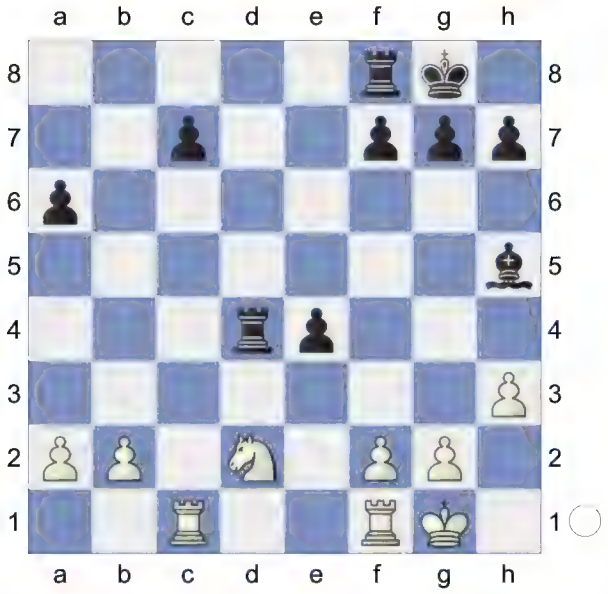
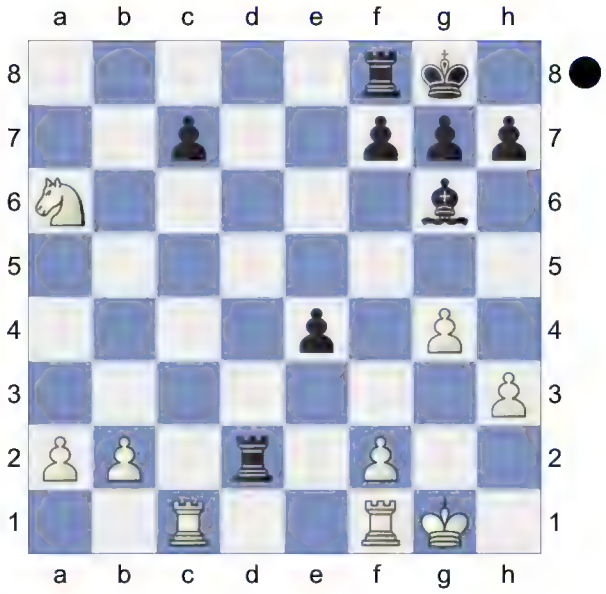


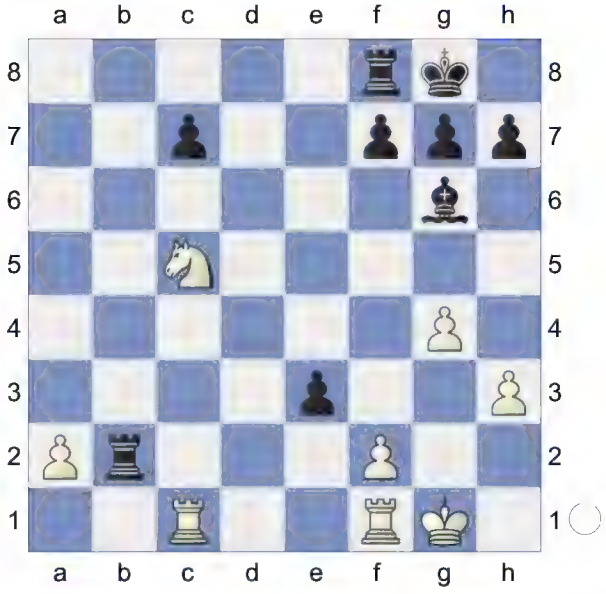
16.Rac1 0.09/21
[16.Nxe7+!± 0.46/20 should be considered. Rxe7 17.e5]
16...dxe4= 17.Nxe7+ Rxe7
[17...Qxe7 18.Qxc6 f5 19.d5 Rf6]
18.Qxc6
[18.Nxe4 Bg6 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.Qxc5 Be4 21.Bf4]
18...Bxd4
[18...f5 is more complex. 19.d5 Bxe3 20.fxe3 Rf6]
19.Qxd7 Rxd7 20.Bxd4 Rxd4



21.Nb3 Rd7 22.Nc5 Rd2 23.g4 -0.56/17
[23.Nxe4= -0.05/23 Rxb2 24.a3]
23...Bg6∓ 24.Nxa6 -0.93/18
[24.b4∓ -0.51/20]



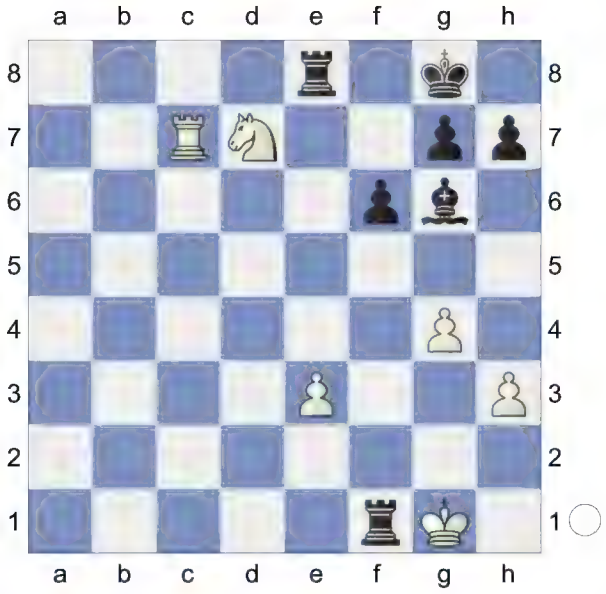
24...e3!∓
[24...Rxb2 25.Nxc7 Rxa2 26.Nd5∓]
25.Nc5 Rxb2 -0.34/20
[25...e2∓ -1.04/20 26.Rfe1 f5 *(26...Rxb2 27.a4∓)*]



Black has more active pieces. **26.fxe3∓ Rxa2 27.Nd7! Re8 28.Rxc7 f6**

[28...Rxe3 29.Rc8+]

29.Rf2 Ra1+ 30.Rf1 Rxf1+

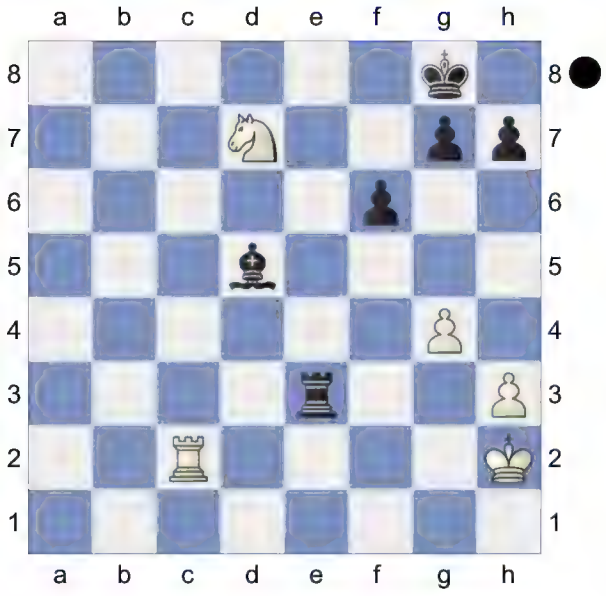


31.Kxf1 Rxe3 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **32.Kg2 Be4+ 33.Kh2 Bd5**

[33...h5!? 34.Rc5 h4 35.Rc8+ Kh7 36.Nf8+ Kh6-+]

34.Rc2 -0.94/20

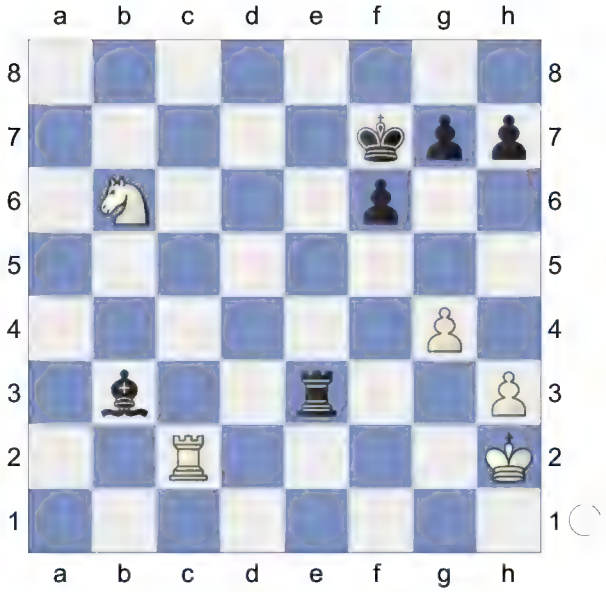
[34.Rc8+= -0.24/20 remains equal. Kf7 35.Nb6]



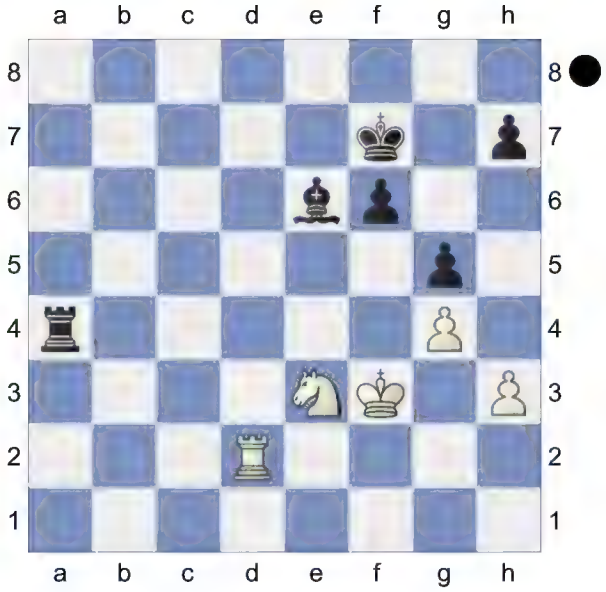
34...Kf7 -0.27/19

[Black should play 34...h5!∓ -0.94/20 Threatens to win with ...h4. 35.Rc7 Re2+ 36.Kg3 Re3+ 37.Kh2]

35.Nb6= Bb3



36.Rd2 Be6 37.Nd5 Re4 38.Kg3 g5 39.Kf3 Ra4 40.Ne3



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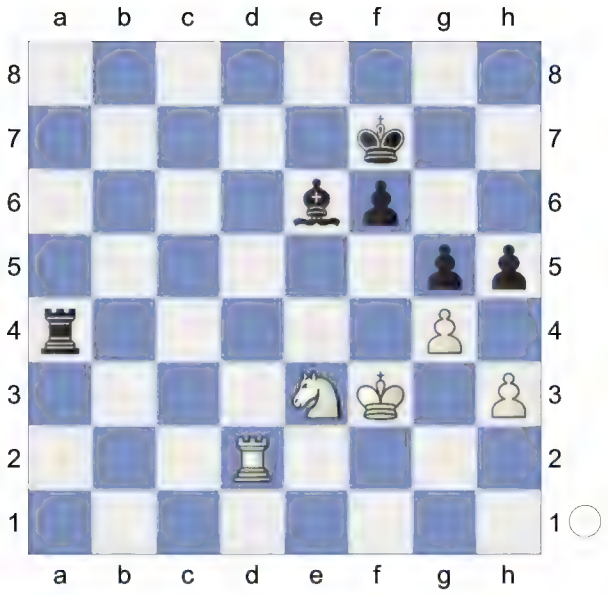
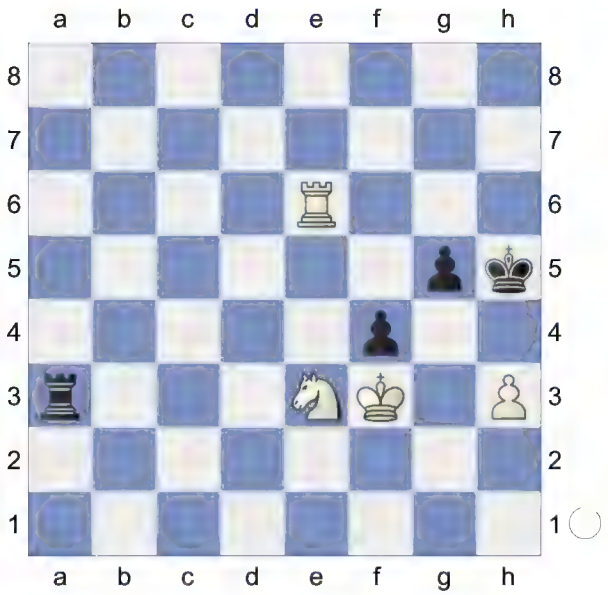


41.Rb2 Ra3 -0.01/21
[41...h4∓ -0.45/20]
42.Rb7+ Kg6 43.gxh5+ Kxh5 44.Rb6! f5 45.Rxe6 KRN-KR **45...f4**



Pin **46.Rb6?** -8.09/30 **Rxe3+-+**
KR-KR. Black is a pawn up.
[Weaker is 46...fxe3 47.Rb8=]
47.Kg2 Re2+ 48.Kg1 Kh4 49.Rh6+ Kg3 50.Kf1 Prevents Re1+ **50...Rf2+**

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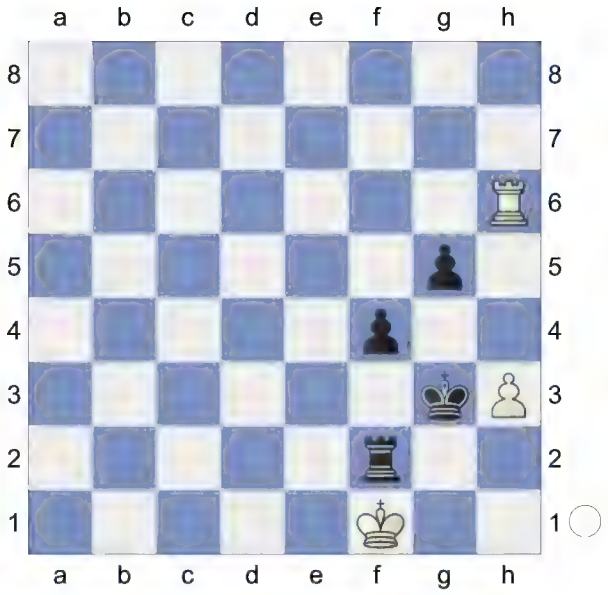
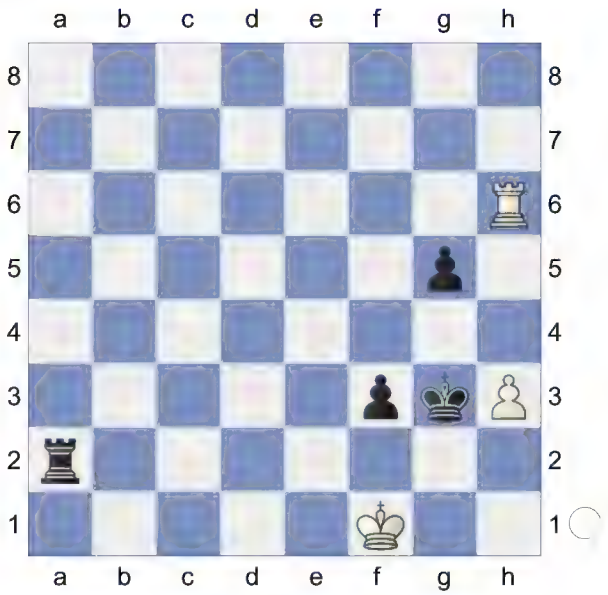


51.Kg1 Ra2 52.Kf1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.15 (very precise)
52...f3



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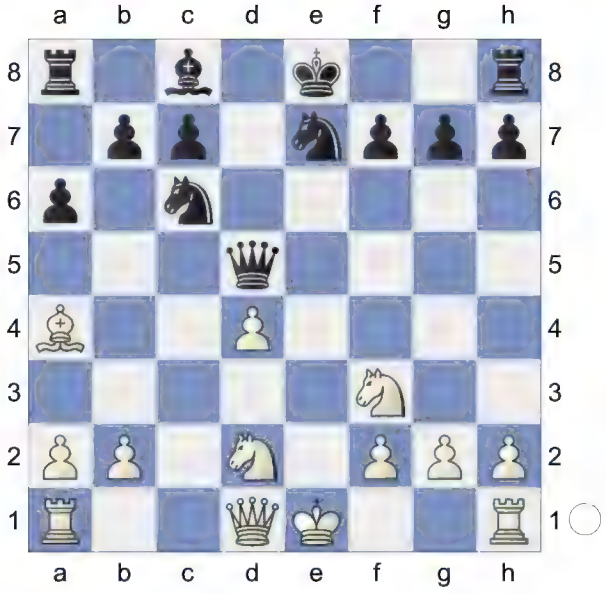
27 **C70**
□ **vistagausta** **2836**
■ **YOUPLAYCHESS** **2743**
Blitz 29.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d5 10.exd5N** -0.06/22
[10.e5± 0.56/23 0-0 11.0-0 Bg4 *(11...f6 12.exf6 Rxf6 13.Re1 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.Qb3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Rxf3 18.Qxf3 Nxd4 19.Qc3 Nb5 20.Qc5 c6 21.Re7 Nd6 22.Rae1 Ne4 23.R1xe4 dxe4 24.Rxb7 Qd1+ 25.Kh2 Qd5 26.Qe7* 1-0 (62) Kramnik,V (2753)-Chyzy,J (2367) Titled Tue 24th Sep Early 2024 (2)*; 11...Bf5 12.Re1 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Bxc6 Nxc6 15.Qb3 b6 16.Qc3 Qd7 17.Rac1 Raf8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 c6 20.Rce1 Bg6 21.f3 Re8 22.Qb4 Qd8 23.Nf1 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Bf7 25.Qe1 Kf8 26.Ne3* 1-0 (40) Caruana,F (2804)-Batsuren,D (2515) American Cup Blitz 2024 (1.1)*)* 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rac1 Nd8 16.Qe3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Ne6 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.f4 Rf7 21.Rf3 Raf8 22.Rcf1 Qa4 23.a3 Qb5 24.b3 b6 25.Rc1 1-0 (71) Caruana,F (2766)-Yu Yangyi (2729) Airthings Masters Div 2 W rapid 2023 (5.1)]
[10.0-0 dxe4 11.Nxe4 0-0 12.h3 Be6 13.Re1 Bd5 14.Rc1 Nf5 (15) 4) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-4 | 6. d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Sxd2 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]
10...Qxd5=



11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Nxf3 Ng6 15.Rc1 0.27/20
[15.Bb3± 0.67/19 Qf5 16.Rc1]
15...Rad8 1.26/20
[15...Qxa2= 0.27/20 16.Bxc6 bxc6]

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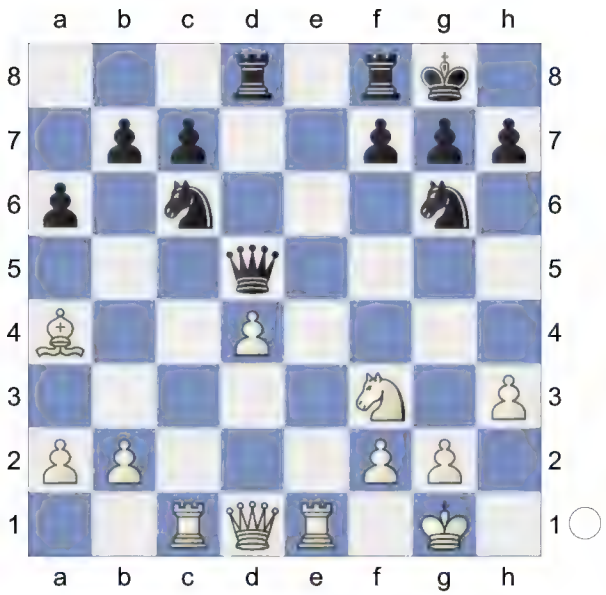
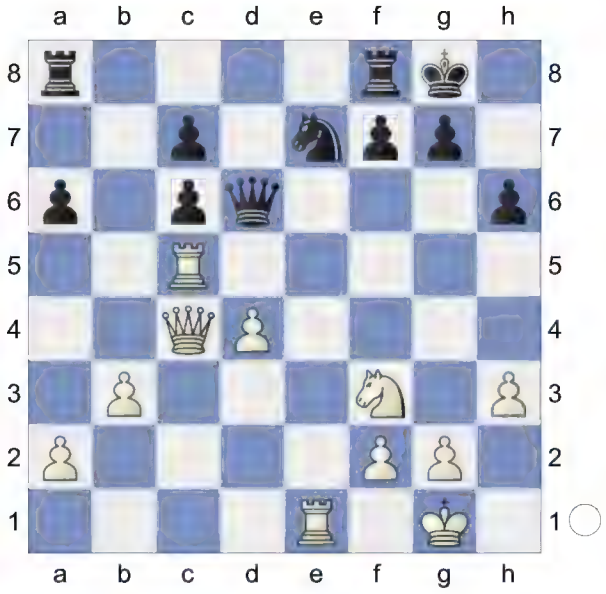
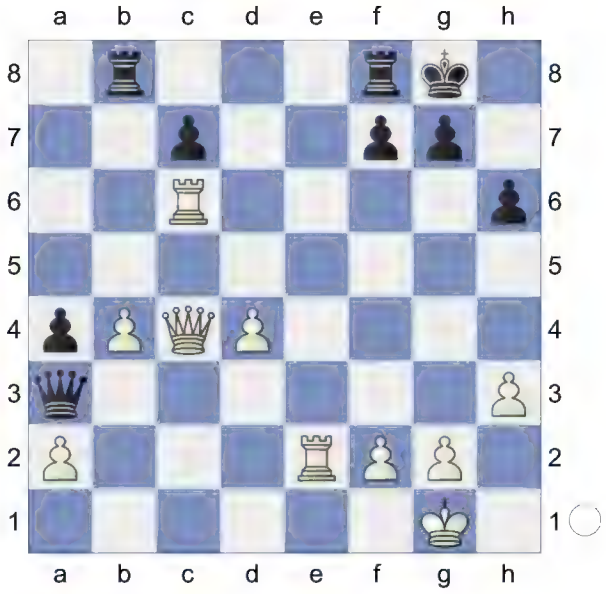


16.Bxc6± bxc6 17.b3 0.87/20
[White should play 17.Qa4 1.26/22]
17...h6 18.Rc5 A mistake that costs the game. **18...Qd6** 2.00/22
[18...Qxc5± 0.75/23 keeps fighting. 19.dxc5 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Re8]
19.Qc2+- Ne7 20.Qc4 Ra8



21.Ne5 a5 22.Nxc6 Nxc6 23.Rxc6 Black is weak on the light squares
23...Qa3 24.Re2
[Less strong is 24.Rxc7 Qxa2 25.Re2 Qb1+ 26.Kh2 Qf5±]
24...a4 25.b4
[25.Rxc7 axb3 26.axb3 Qd6±]
25...Rab8



26.b5
[26.Rxc7 Qxb4 27.Qxb4 Rxb4±]
26...Rb6 27.Rxc7 White is clearly winning. **27...Rf6 28.Rc5 Rg6**
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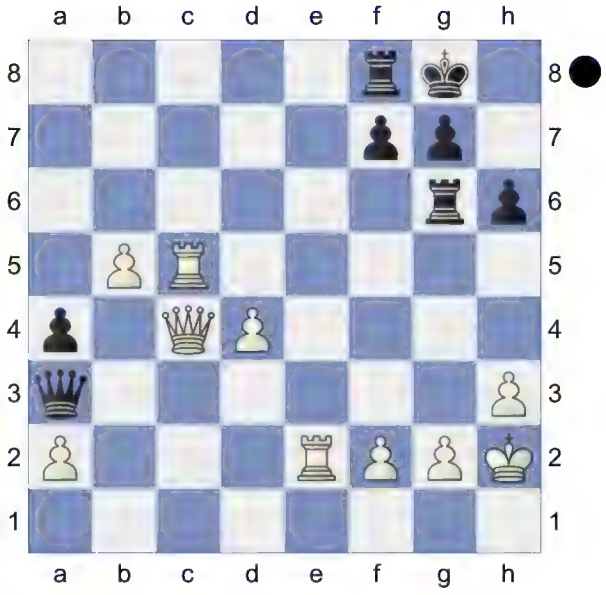
29.Kh2



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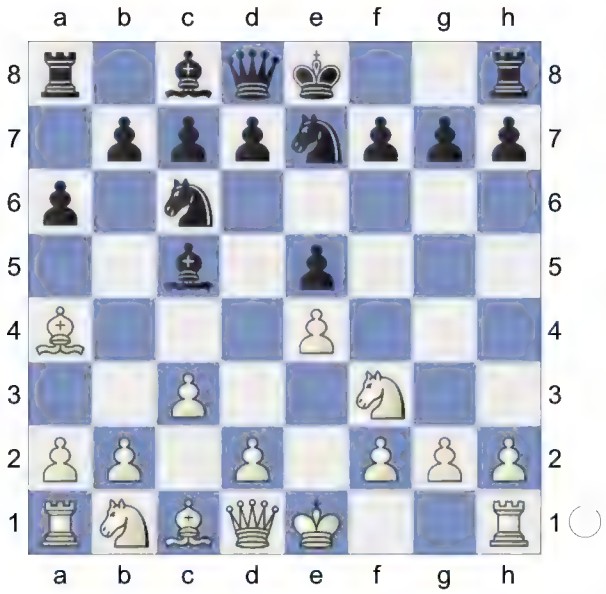
28 **C70**
□ **EchiquierChalonnais** **2756**
■ **medela2019** **2743**
Blitz 24.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

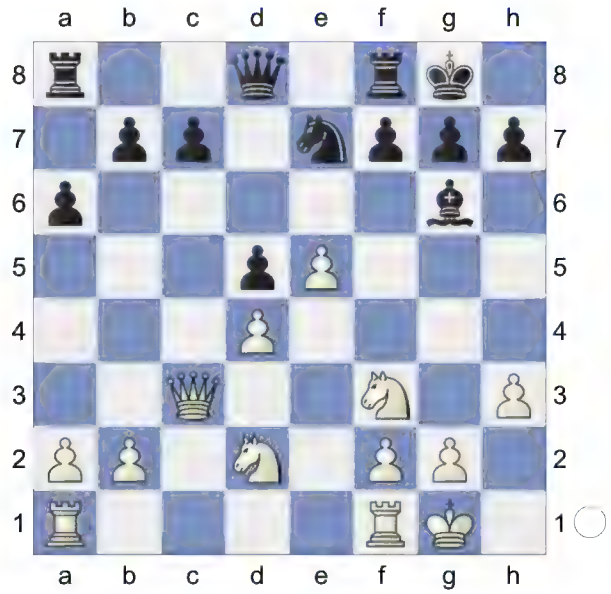


6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d5 10.e5 0-0**

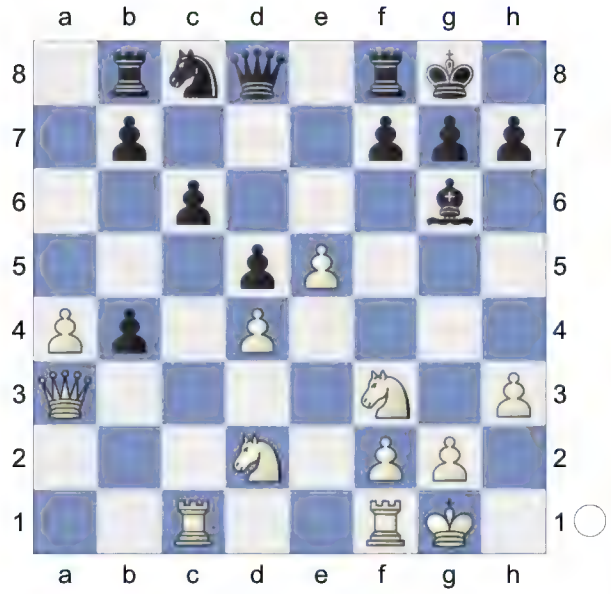
(Diagram)

11.0-0 Bg4
[11...Bf5 12.Re1 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Bxc6 Nxc6 15.Qb3 b6 16.Qc3 Qd7 17.Rac1 Raf8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 c6 20.Rce1 Bg6 21.f3 Re8 22.Qb4 Qd8 23.Nf1 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Bf7 25.Qe1 Kf8 26.Ne3 1-0 (40) Caruana,F (2804)-Batsuren,D (2515) American Cup Blitz 2024 (1.1)]
12.h3 Bh5 0.90/21
[12...Bf5± 0.49/21]
13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qc2N 0.21/19
[14.Qb3± 0.64/19 Qd7 15.Rac1 Nd8 16.Rfe1 *(16.Qe3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Ne6 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.f4 Rf7 21.Rf3 Raf8 22.Rcf1 Qa4 23.a3 Qb5 24.b3 b6 25.Rc1 a5 26.Kh2 Qd7 27.a4 Kh8 28.Rc2 Kg8 29.Qc1 Qe7 30.Rc6 Kh8* 1-0 (71) Caruana,F (2766)-Yu Yangyi (2729) Airthings Masters Div 2 W rapid 2023 (5.1)*)* 16...Ne6 17.Qe3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 h6 19.Nh4 b6 20.Nf5 Kh7 21.Qd3 Kh8 22.Qd2 Kh7 23.Rc3 a5 24.Rg3 Rg8 25.Rc1 Rac8 26.Rcc3 g5 27.Ne3 h5 28.h4 gxh4 29.Nf5 1-0 (31) Caruana,F (2792)-Halkias,S (2527) World Rapid 2021 (4.14)]

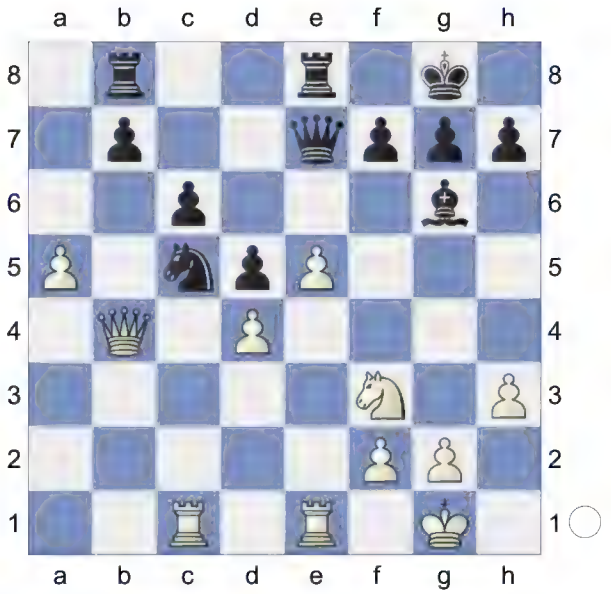
14...Bg6 15.Qc3 Ne7 0.90/20
[15...a5± 0.32/20]



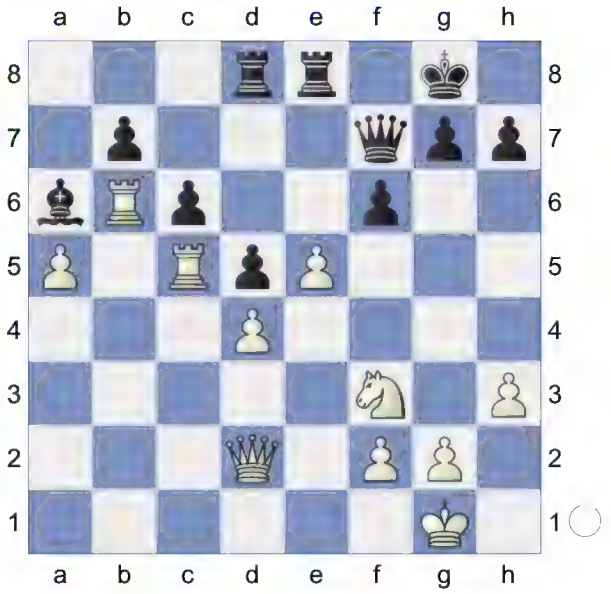
16.Rac1 c6 17.Qb4 0.52/20
[17.Nh4± 1.02/17]
17...Rb8 0.94/19
[17...Bd3± 0.52/20]
18.a4 0.36/22
[18.Nh4± 0.94/19]
18...a5± 19.Qa3 Nc8 20.b4 0.30/22
[20.Ne1± 0.69/19 deserves consideration.]
20...axb4



21.Qxb4 Nb6 22.Rfe1 Re8 23.a5 Nd7
Black is weak on the dark squares
24.Nb3 Qe7 25.Nc5 Nxc5

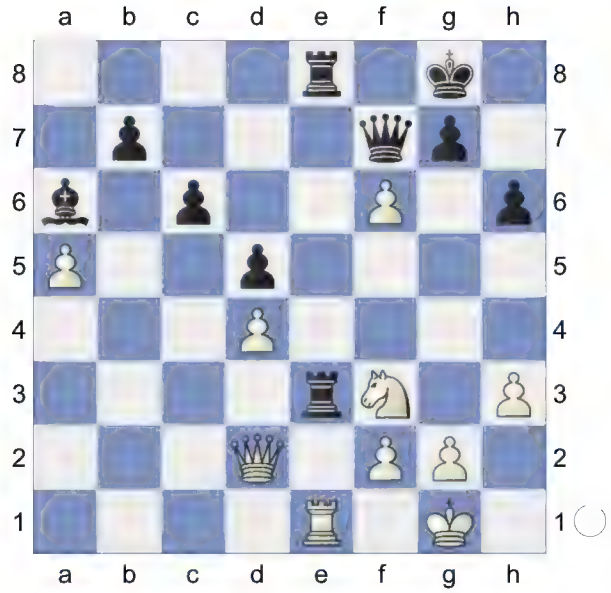


26.Rxc5 Bd3 27.Re3 Ba6 28.Rb3 f6 1.35/18
[Black should play 28...Be2 0.88/20]
29.Qd2 Qf7 30.Rb6 0.93/21
[⌓30.exf6 1.42/20 Qxf6 31.Ne5]
30...Rbd8 1.39/19
[⌓30...Re6 0.93/21]

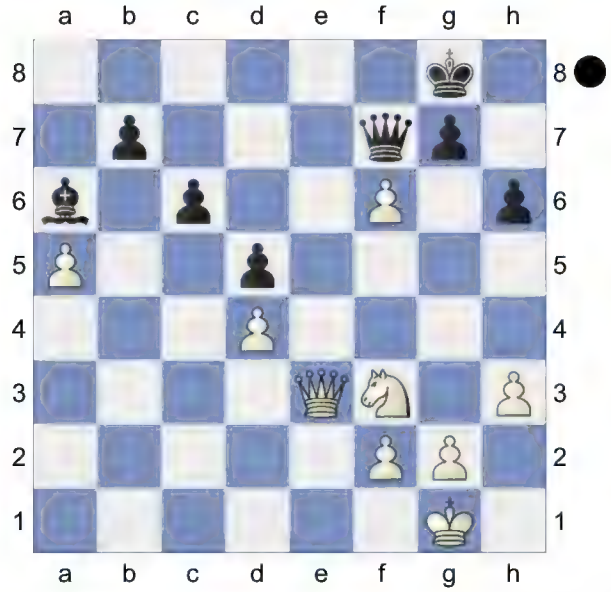


31.Rb3 0.96/18
[⌓31.Rc3 1.39/19]

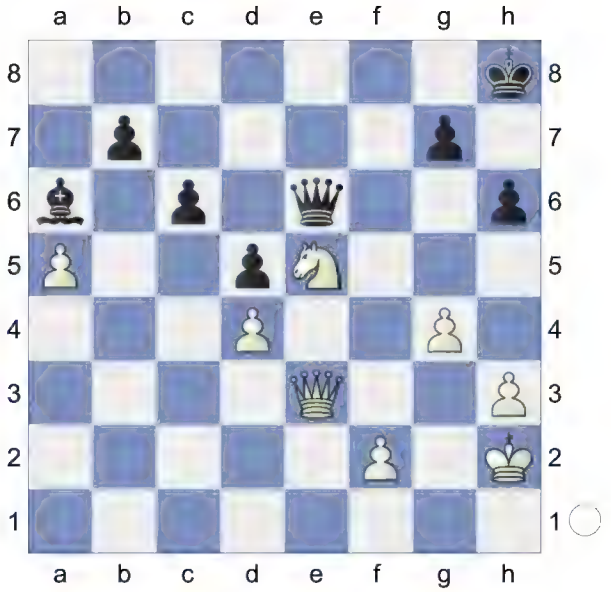
31...Re7 32.Re3 0.79/21
[⌓32.Rcc3 1.23/21]
32...Rde8 1.33/20
[⌓32...Bc4 0.79/21]
33.Rc1 Re6 1.45/20
[⌓33...h6 0.99/19]
34.Rce1± h6 35.exf6 Rxe3



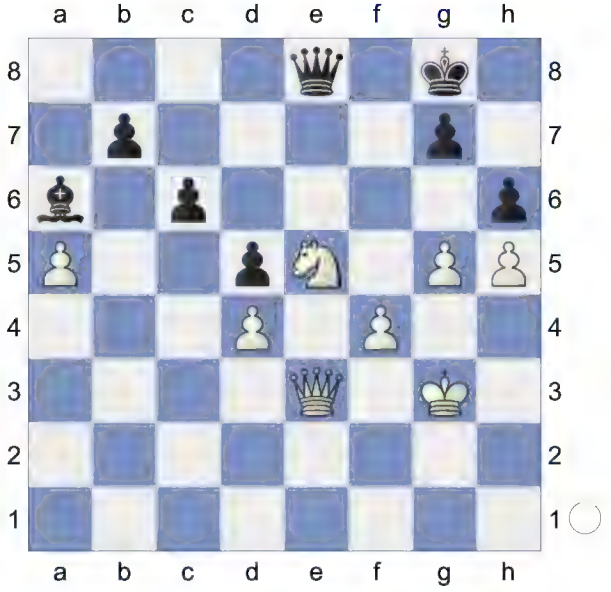
36.Rxe3 Rxe3 37.Qxe3



Qxf6 Endgame KQB-KQN **38.Ne5 Qf5** 2.17/22
[⌓38...Qd8 1.80/21 39.Qf4 Qe7]
39.Kh2+- Kh8 3.32/21
[⌓39...Qc8 1.93/20 40.Qf4 Qf8 41.Qxf8+ Kxf8]
40.g4 Qe6

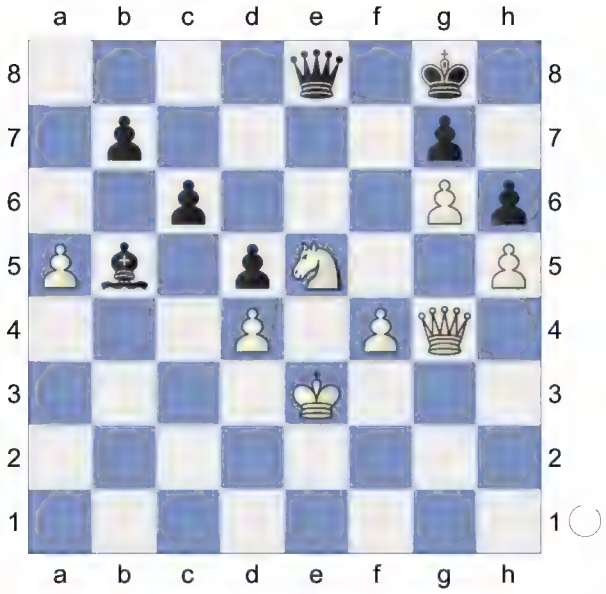


41.h4 Kg8 42.h5 Qe7 43.Kg3 Qe6 44.f4 Qe7 45.g5 Qe8? 5.30/22
[45...Qe6 2.92/18 was necessary. 46.gxh6 gxh6]

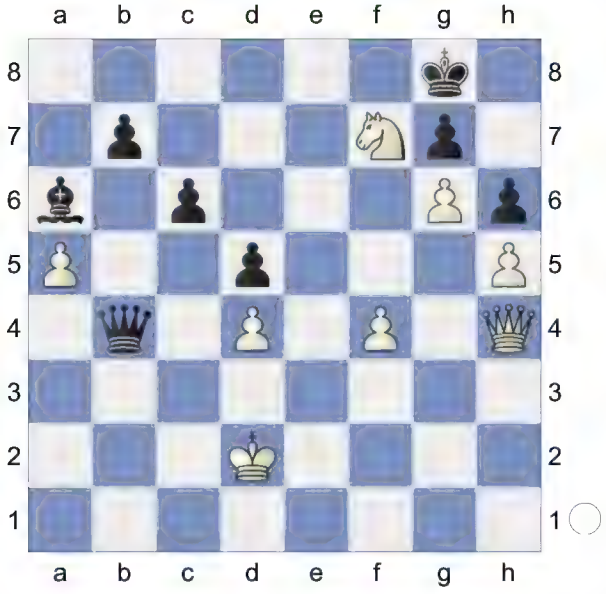


46.Qf3 Kh7? 6.76/24
[46...hxg5 3.49/19 47.fxg5 Qe6]
47.g6+ Kg8 48.Qg4 Prevents Qe6.
48...Bb5 8.34/22
[⌓48...Kf8 4.71/21 49.Qf5+ Kg8 50.Qf7+ Qxf7 Remove Defender

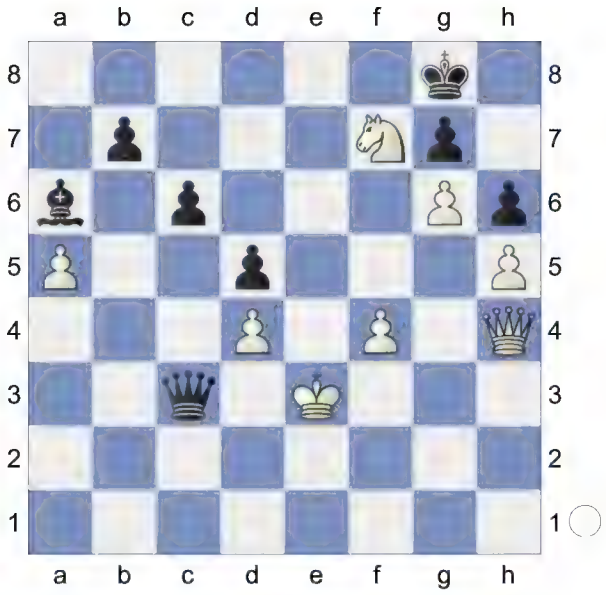
51.gxf7+ *(51.Nxf7 Kf8+-)* 51...Kf8]
49.Kf2 Ba6 7.10/21
[⌓49...Kf8 4.71/20 50.Qf5+ Kg8]
50.Ke3 Bb5 8.53/22
[⌓50...Kf8 4.57/19 51.Kf2 Ke7 52.Qh4+ Ke6 53.Qg4+ Ke7]



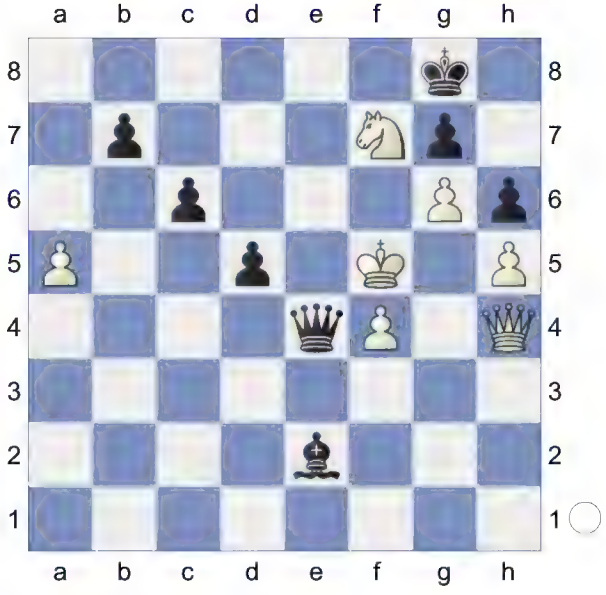
51.Qf5 Ba6 52.Kd2 Bb5 53.Qg4 Ba6 54.Qh4 Qf8 55.Nf7? 0.00/33
[White should play 55.Kd1+- 3.88/19]
55...Qb4+=



56.Ke3 Black must now prevent Qd8+.
56...Qc3+



Deflection **57.Kf2 Qxd4+ 58.Kg3 Qe3+ 59.Kg4?** -#2/19
[59.Kg2= 0.00/34 Qe4+ 60.Kg1 Qb1+ 61.Kh2 Qc2+ 62.Kg3 Qd3+ 63.Kh2 Qe2+ 64.Kg1 Qe3+ 65.Kg2]
59...Be2+ 60.Kf5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.54
60...Qe4#



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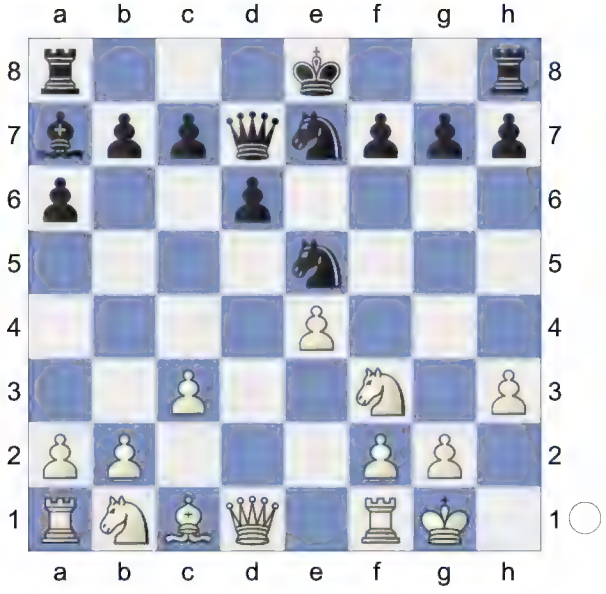
29 **C70**
□ **Tuzakli_Egitim** **2865**
■ **BrokyLoveKFC** **2739**
Blitz 09.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

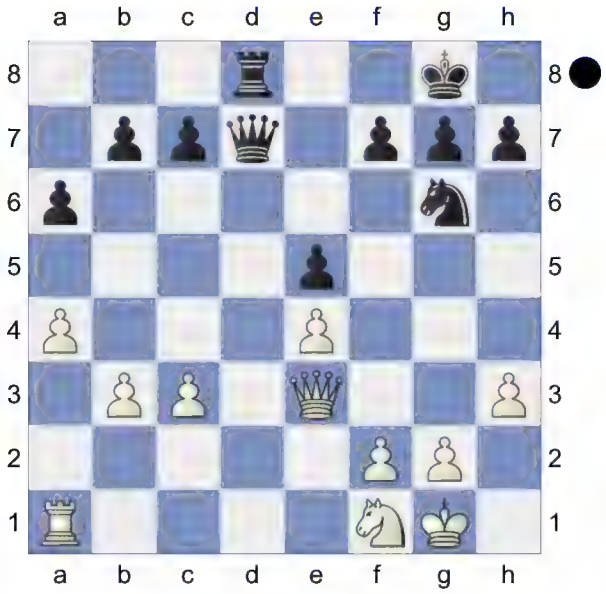
Blitz 3min
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 d6

6.c3 Ba7
[6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.d3 h6 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Nh7 13.Qf2 Ng5 14.Nxg5 Qxg5 15.Nf3 Qe7 16.Rae1 f5 17.Bb3+ Kh8 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.Qh4 Raf8 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 21.e4 1-0 (52) Chimyam,J (1497)-Suthiponpaisarn,P Bangkok Rooky op 03 2025 (1)]
7.h3N 0.10/20
[7.d4± 0.52/21 Bd7 8.Be3 Nge7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Re1 exd4 *(10...f6 11.h3 Kh8 12.Nf1 Be8 13.Ng3 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxa4 16.Qxa4 Qe8 17.Qxe8 Rfxe8 18.Rad1 Kg8 19.f3 Kf7 20.Ne2 a5 21.a4 Nc6 22.Bxa7 Rxa7 23.Nf4 Rb8 24.c4 b6* ½-½ Sevian,S (2687)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2691) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2023 (7)) 11.cxd4 d5 12.e5 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qc1 h6 15.Qc3 f6 16.Bd1 fxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxd1 18.Nxc6 Nxc6 19.Raxd1 Qd7 20.Nb3 Rae8 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 ½-½ (26) Yu,Y (2728)-Safarli,E (2616) Elllobregat op 3rd 2022 (6) d4 23.Qb3+ Qf7 24.Qxf7+ Rxf7 25.Bd2 Rfe7 26.b4 ½-½ Roehrich,S (2728)-9.Qd2 b5 10.000 ♘b6 (2616) Katowice op 1992 (6)]
7...Bd7 0.58/23
[7...Nge7= 0.10/20 deserves consideration.]
8.d4 Nge7 White is slightly better.
9.dxe5 -0.12/21
[9.Re1± 0.51/24]
9...Nxe5= 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7



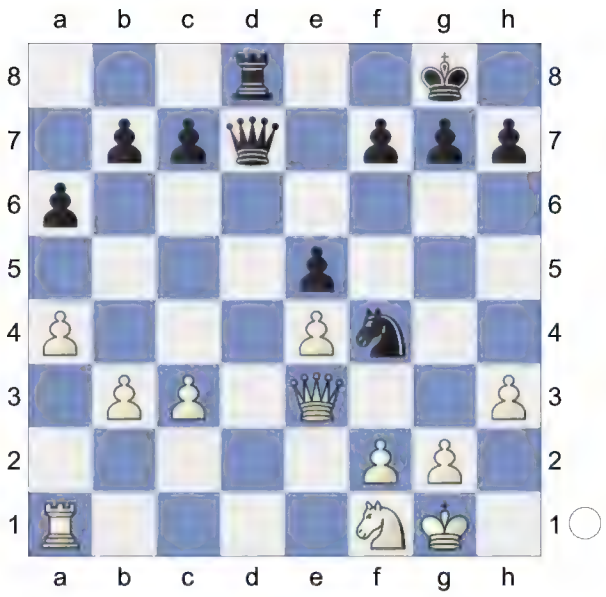
11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Qe2 -0.56/22
[12.Qxd7+= -0.14/25 Kxd7 13.Rd1+ Ke6 14.Kf1]
12...0-0 13.Rd1 Qe6 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Ng6
(Diagram)

16.Nd2 Rad8 17.b3 Rd7 18.Nf1 Rfd8 19.Rxd7 Qxd7 20.a4 -1.03/24
[20.Qc5= 0.00/24]

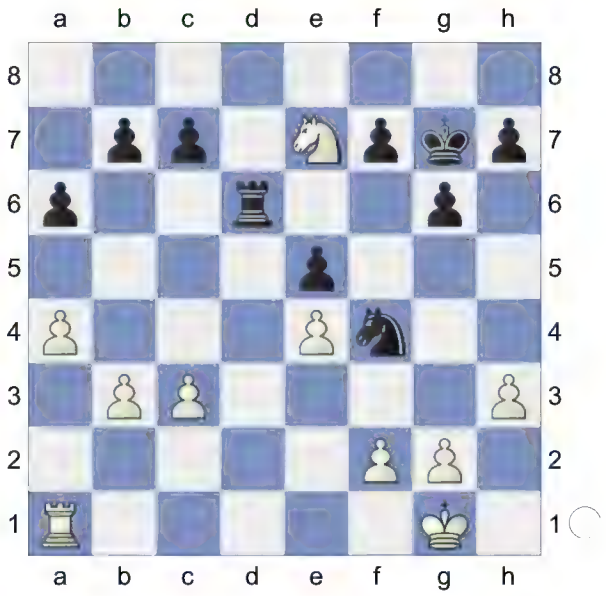


20...Nf4 -0.41/22
[20...Qe6!∓ -1.03/24 21.c4 Nf4]

(Diagram)

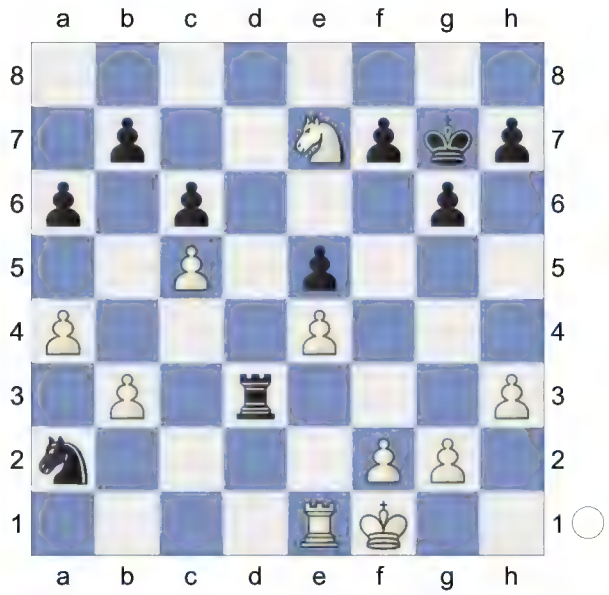


White does not recover from this.
21.Ng3 -1.91/24
[21.Qa7!∓ -0.41/22]
21...Qd3 22.Nf5 -2.47/23
[⌓22.Qc5 -1.80/24 Qd6 23.Qc4]
22...g6-+ 23.Ne7+ Kg7 24.Qc5? -5.05/21
[24.Nd5 -1.98/20 is a better chance. Qxe3 25.Nxe3]
24...Qd6 25.Qxd6 Rxd6
[Weaker is 25...cxd6 26.Ra2∓]



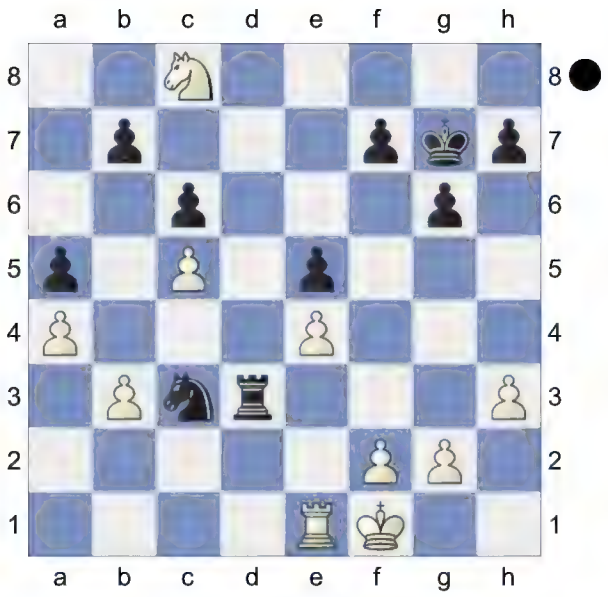
Endgame KRN-KRN **26.c4 c6**

Against Nd5 **27.c5?** -4.14/22
[27.Nc8 -2.14/21 Rd4 28.h4]
27...Rd3 28.Rb1 -4.21/23
[⌓28.b4 -2.92/21]
28...Ne2+ 29.Kf1 Nc3 30.Re1 Na2 -2.47/21
[⌓30...Rd8 -4.14/21 31.Re3 Na2 *(31...Rd1+? 32.Re1-+)*]

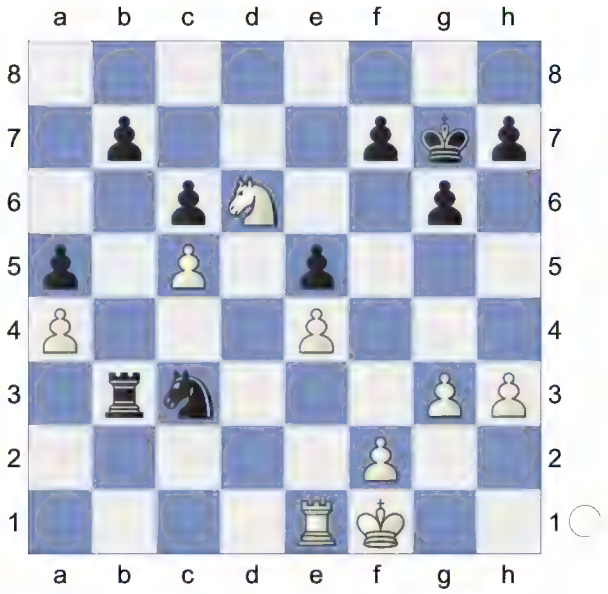


31.Rb1 -3.95/22
[⌓31.Nc8 -2.47/21]
31...a5 -2.06/22
[⌓31...Rd8 -3.95/22 32.Ra1 Nb4]
32.Nc8 Nc3! 33.Re1

(Diagram)

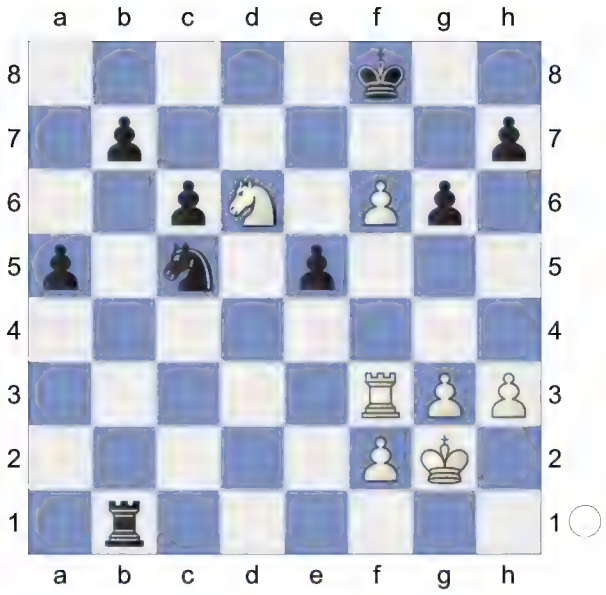


Rd4! 34.Nd6 -2.47/27
[34.f3 -1.93/22 was necessary. Rb4 35.Ra1 Rxb3 36.Nb6]
34...Rb4 35.g3 Rxb3

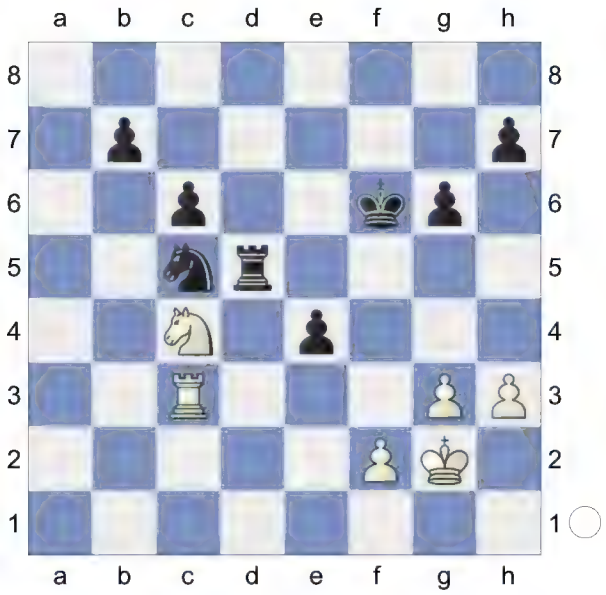


36.Re3 Rb1+ 37.Kg2 Nxa4 38.Rf3 f5
[38...Nxc5? 39.Rxf7+ Kg8 40.Re7-+]
39.exf5 f6+ is the strong threat.
39...Nxc5 40.f6+ Kf8

(Diagram)



41.Re3 Rd1 42.Nc4 e4 43.Nxa5 Kf7 44.Rc3 Rd5 45.Nc4 Kxf6



46.Ne3

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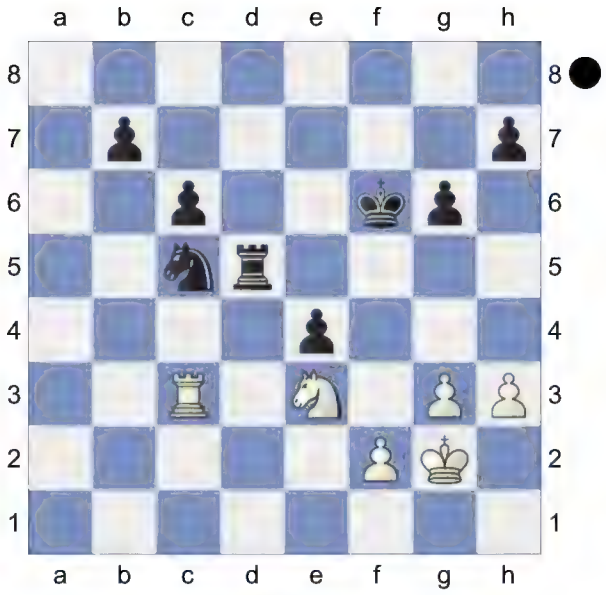
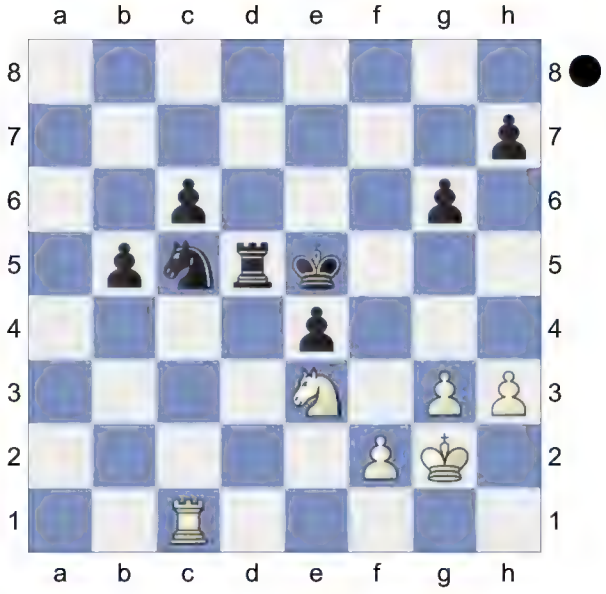


Ke5 47.Rc4

[47.Kf1 b5]

47...b5 48.Rc1



Kd6! 49.Rb1

[49.Rc2 Rd4]

49...Rd2 50.Kg1 Nd3

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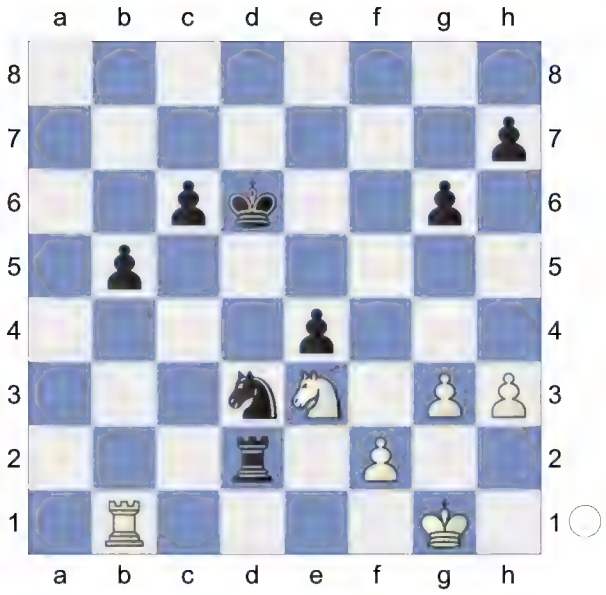
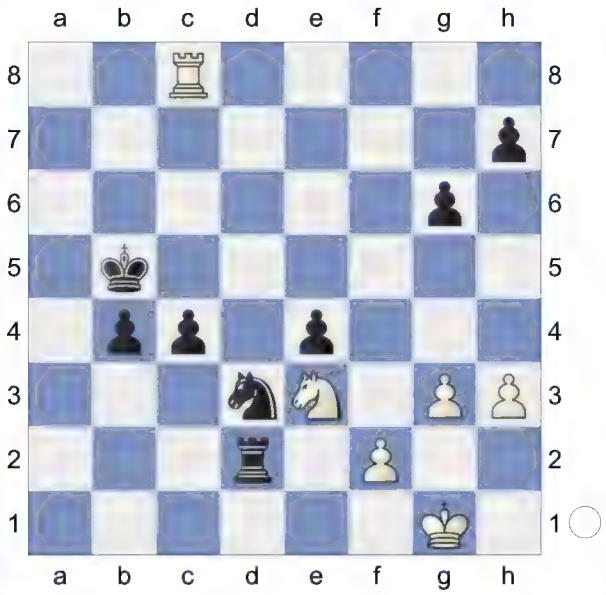


51.Rf1 c5 52.Ra1 c4 53.Ra6+ Kc5 54.Ra8 b4 55.Rc8+ Kb5

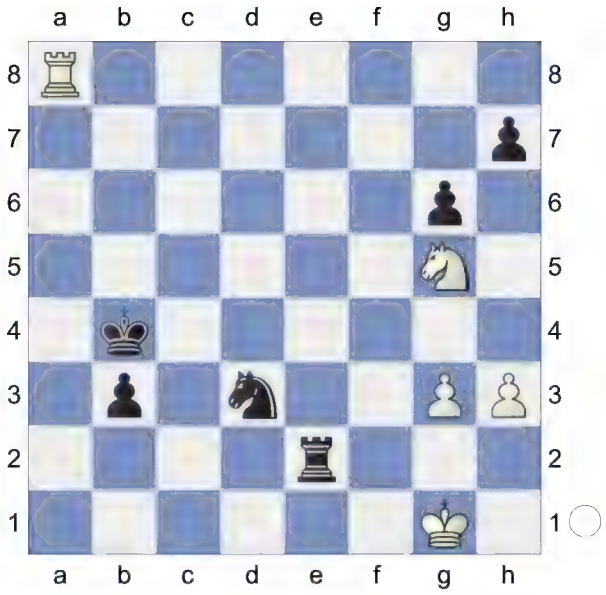


56.Nxc4 Rxf2 57.Nd6+ Ka4 58.Nxe4 Re2 59.Ng5 -8.59/23

[⌓59.Nd6 -4.14/21 Re5 60.Ra8+ Kb3 61.h4]

59...b3 Black is clearly winning. **60.Ra8+ Kb4**

(Diagram)

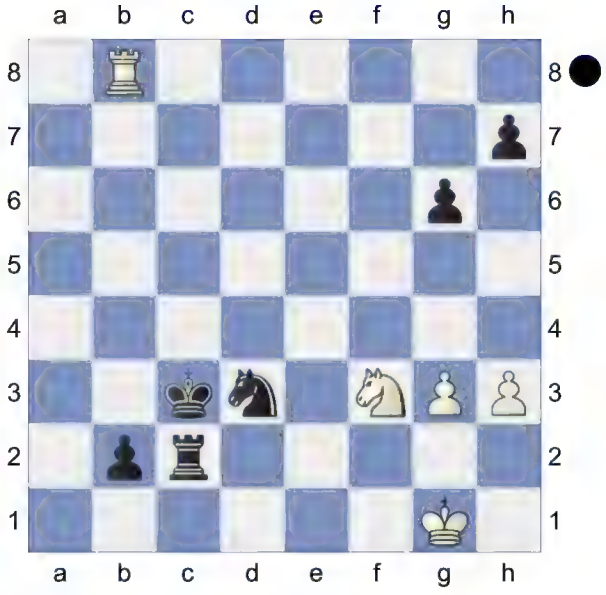


61.Rb8+ Kc3 62.Nf3 b2 63.Kf1 Rc2

Threatens to win with ...Rf2+.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.31

64.Kg1



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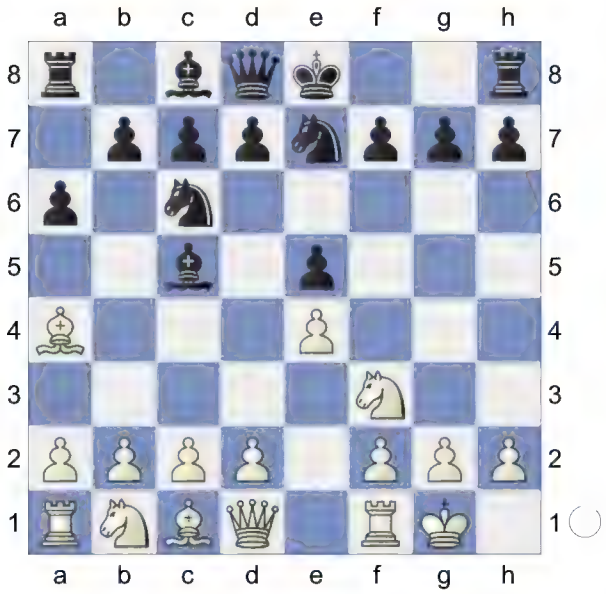
30 **C70**
□ **Hakobyan,Aram** **2612**
■ **Grischuk,A** **2736**
Titled Tue 15th Aug Late blitz (11) 15.8.23
[Kitty Kat]

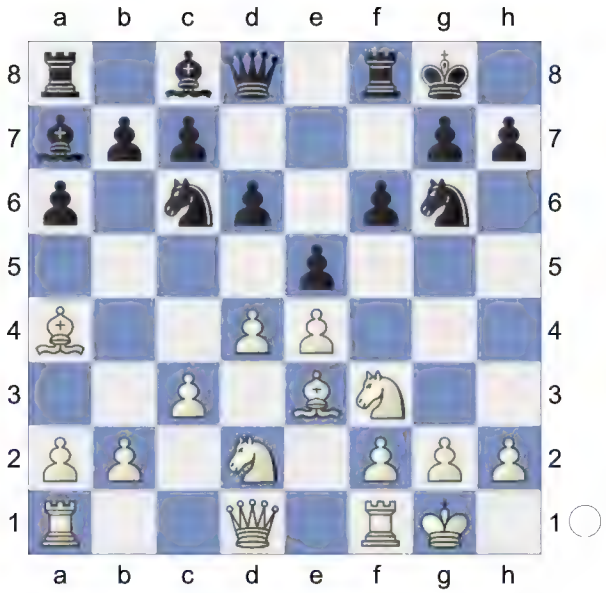
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7



6.c3 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Nbd2 d6

(Diagram)

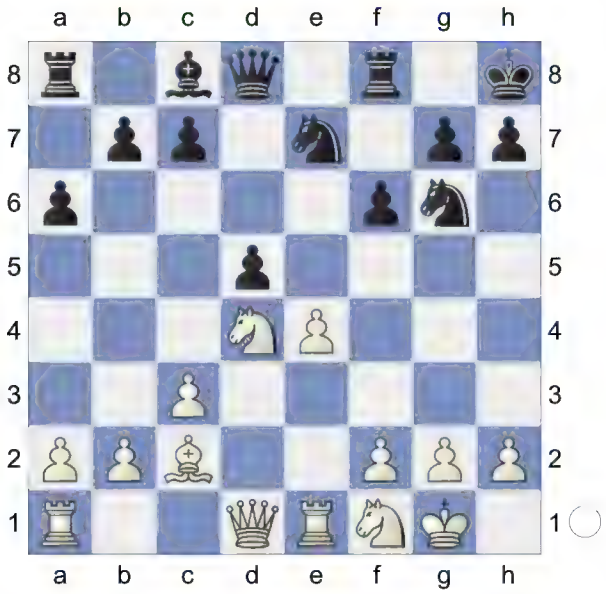


11.Re1 Kh8 12.Bc2
[12.h3 Bd7 *(12...exd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 c6 15.Bc2 Be6 16.Nf3 Qd7 17.d5 Bg8 18.Bxa7 Rxa7 19.dxc6 bxc6* ½-½ Baglan,E (2336)-Blagojevic,D (2446) SRB-chT Central 2024 (1.2)*)* 13.Nf1 Nce7 14.Bc2 exd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.Ng3 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Bc6 19.Qb3 Bd5 20.Qc2 Qd7 21.Rac1 c6 22.Bxd5 Nxd5 23.Ne4 Rae8 24.Nc5 Qf7 25.Qf5 Ngf4 26.Ng5 Qg6 0-1 (28) 10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5 1525 (2747)-Ernst,H (2745) K0012 www.desc-online.de 1999 (3)]
12...Nce7N 0.67/18
[12...f5= 0.28/18 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Bxf5 Rxf5 15.Ne4 *(15.d5 Nce7 16.c4 Qd7 17.Ne4 h6* 12) 4.La4 mit mit 5.c3 und 6.O-O-12 | 6.O-O: 8. Lg5 Nebenvarian Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*)* 15...Qg8 16.Ng3 Rff8 17.dxe5 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Ngxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qd4 Qf7 21.f3 a5 22.b3 b5 23.Rf1 a4 24.f4 Ng4 25.Re2 axb3 26.axb3 Qxb3 27.Re7 Rf7 28.Rfe1 Nf6 0-1 (44) Prraneeth,V (2451)-

Esipenko,A (2668) 59th World Juniors 2022 (9.4)]
[12...Bd7 13.Nf1 Bg4 14.d5 Nce7 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.Ne3 Bd7 Khanin,S (2506)-Chigaev,M (2631) 147/(112) Barnaul 2021]

13.Nf1 exd4 14.Bxd4
[14.cxd4 d5=]

14...Bxd4 15.Nxd4 d5 1.02/19
[Better is 15...f5± 0.43/20]

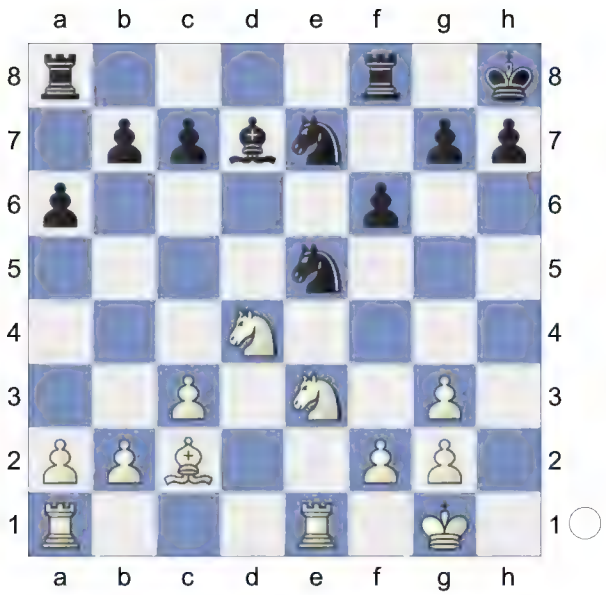


16.exd5± Qxd5 17.Ne3 Qg5 18.Qf3 Ne5 1.33/19
[⌓18...c5 0.87/20]

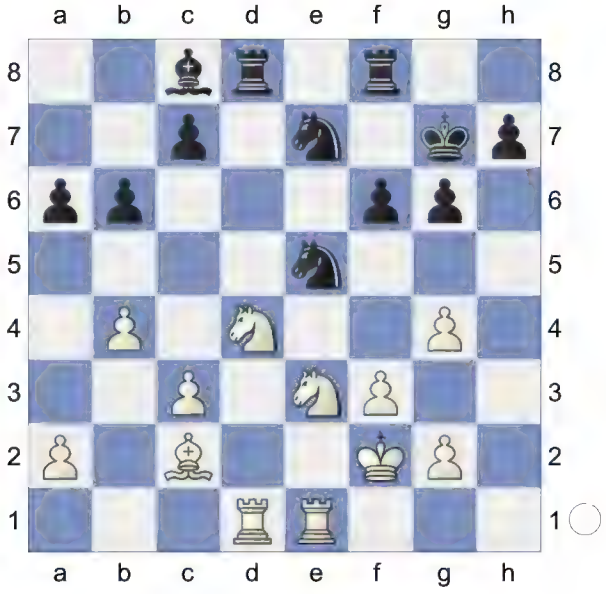
19.Qg3 0.81/20
[⌓19.Qe4 1.33/19 N7g6 20.Rad1]

19...Qxg3 20.hxg3 Bd7

(Diagram)

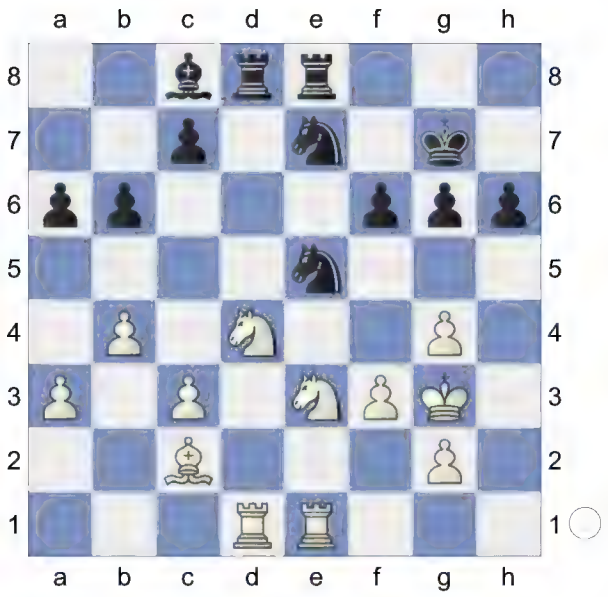


21.Rad1 Rad8 22.f3 Bc8 23.Kf2 g6 24.g4 Kg7 25.b4 b6

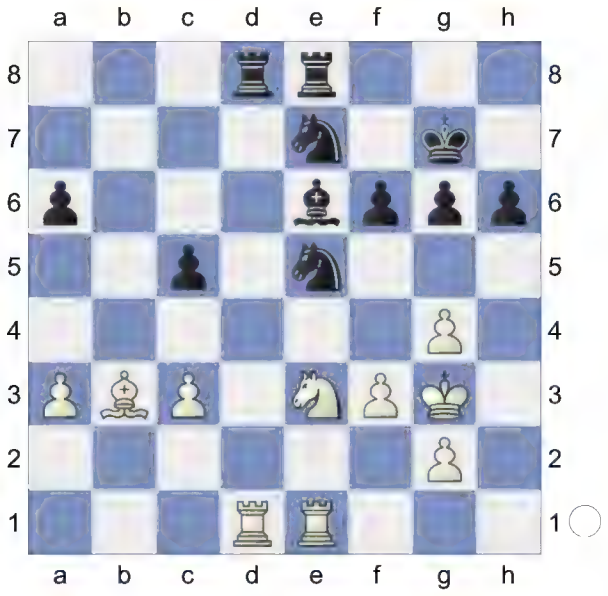


26.a3 Rfe8 27.Kg3 h6 0.96/16
[27...N5c6± 0.39/20]

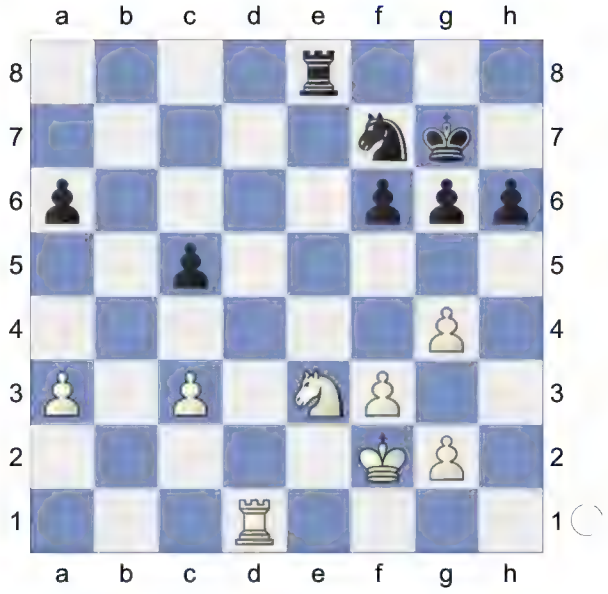
(Diagram)



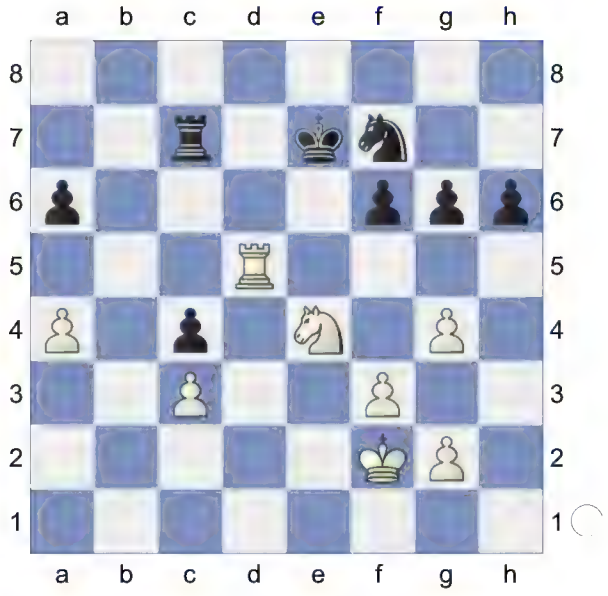
28.Bb3 0.36/18
[28.Ba4!± 0.96/16 b5 29.Bb3]
28...c5± 29.bxc5 bxc5 30.Ne6+ Bxe6



31.Bxe6 Rxd1 1.30/22
[31...h5± 0.40/18]
32.Rxd1± N7c6 1.57/22
[⌓32...Rb8 1.17/18]
33.Bd5 Nd8 2.29/18 **34.Kf2?** 0.74/17
[34.f4+- 2.29/18 and White stays clearly on top. Nef7 35.Kf3]
34...Ndf7 3.45/21
[34...Ne6± 0.74/17]
35.Bxf7? 1.08/21
[35.f4+- 3.45/21 and the rest is easy.]
35...Nxf7+-

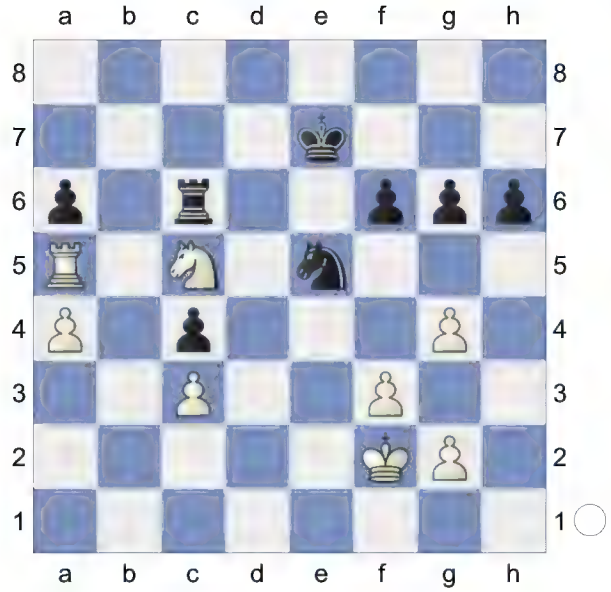


Endgame KRN-KRN **36.Rd5 Rc8**
37.Nc4 Rc7 1.41/20
[⌓37...Kf8 0.81/20]
38.a4 Kf8 39.Nd2 0.78/18 White is more active.
[⌓39.f4 1.59/21]
39...Ke7± 40.Ne4 c4 2.07/23
[40...Ne5± 0.62/21]

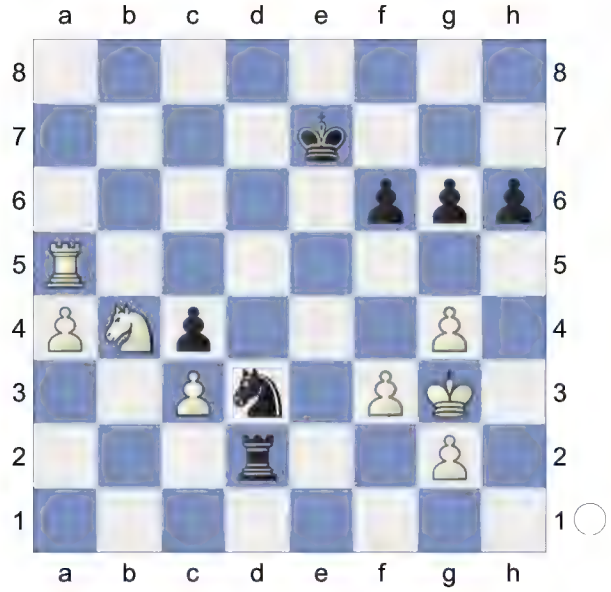


41.Ra5 Rc6 42.Nc5 Prevents Re6

42...Ne5

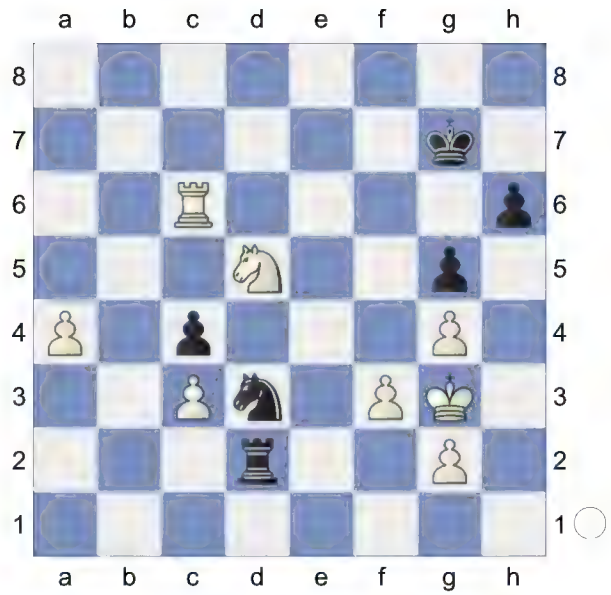


...Rxc5! would now be deadly. **43.Nxa6 Rd6 44.Nb4 Rd2+ 45.Kg3 Nd3**

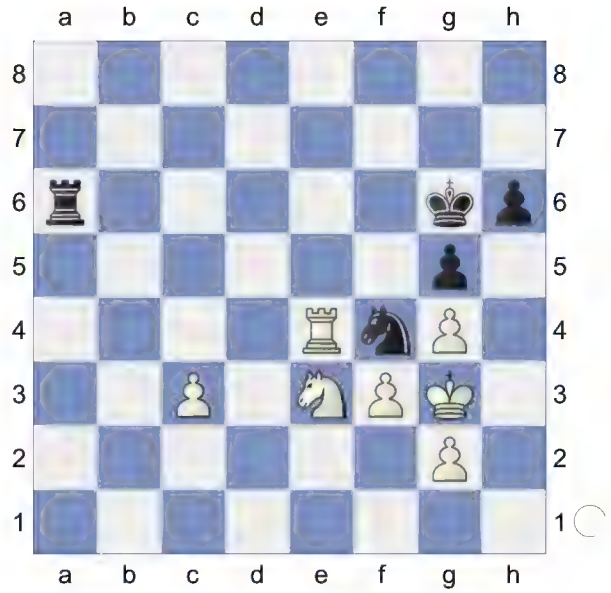


46.Ra7+ Ke6 47.Ra6+ Ke7 3.64/21
[⌓47...Ke5 2.56/17 48.Ra8 g5 *(48...Nxb4? 49.Re8+ Kd6 50.Rd8+* Skewer *Kc6 51.Rxd2+-)*]
48.Nd5++- Kf7 49.Rxf6+
[Don't play 49.Nxf6 Ne1 50.Kf4 Rxg2+-]
49...Kg7 50.Rc6 g5

(Diagram)

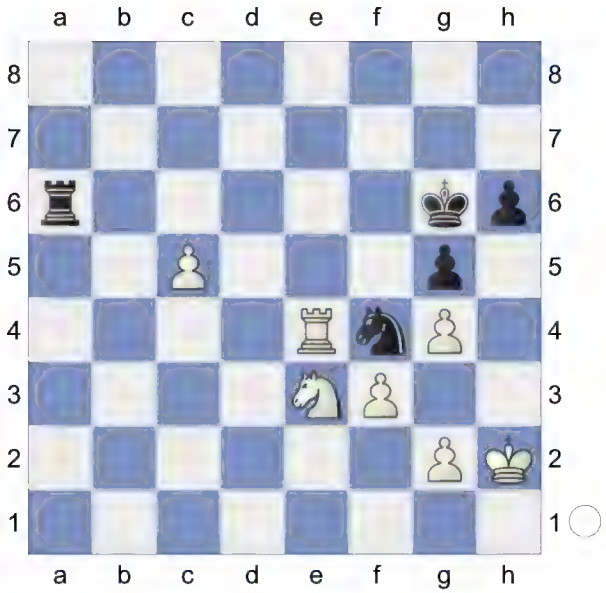


51.Ne3 Nf4 52.Rxc4 Re2 53.Re4 Kg6 3.98/20
[⌓53...Ra2 2.51/19 54.c4 Rxa4]
54.a5 Ra2 55.a6 Rxa6



56.c4 Ra2 57.c5 Ra5? 4.98/21 **58.Rc4** c6 is the strong threat. **58...Ra3 59.Re4** 1.96/17
[59.c6 5.11/19 Rxe3 60.c7]
59...Ra2? 4.15/21
[59...Ra6 1.96/17 was worth a try. 60.Rc4 Rc6]
60.Kh2 Ra6

(Diagram)



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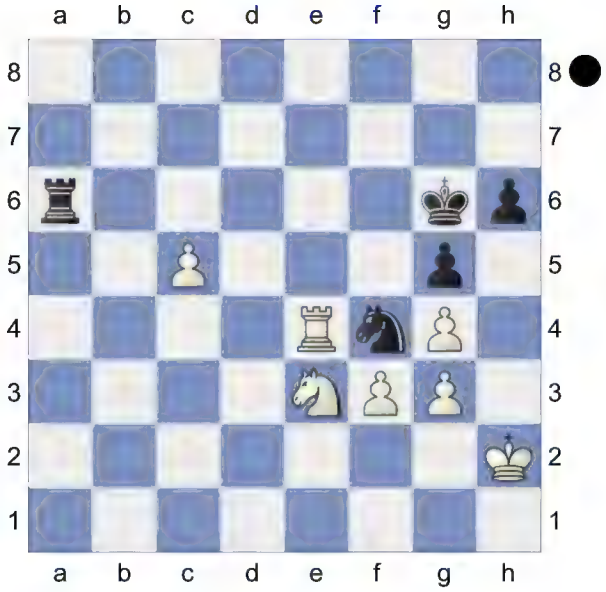
61.g3? 0.00/36

[61.Rc4+- 3.72/24 Rc6 62.Nf5]



Loss on time!?

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31 **C70**

□ **imnotsohuman** **3004**

■ **admonitor** **2734**

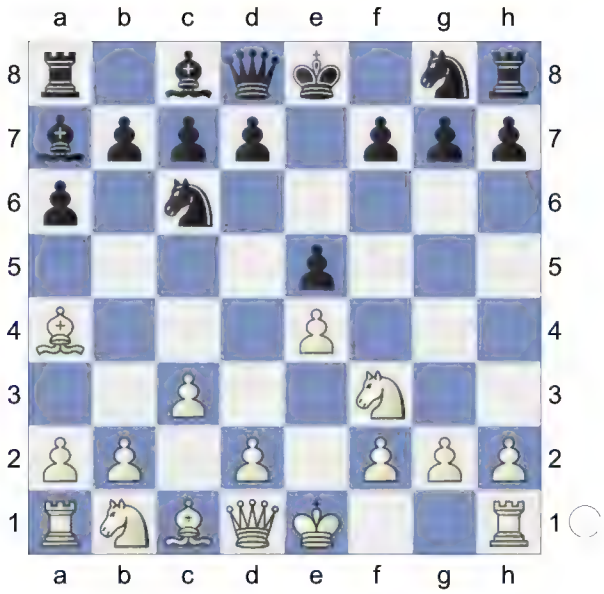
Blitz 22.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Ba7



6.d4 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 White is more active.

[8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nxe4∓]

8...h6 9.Bh4 Re8N 1.18/18

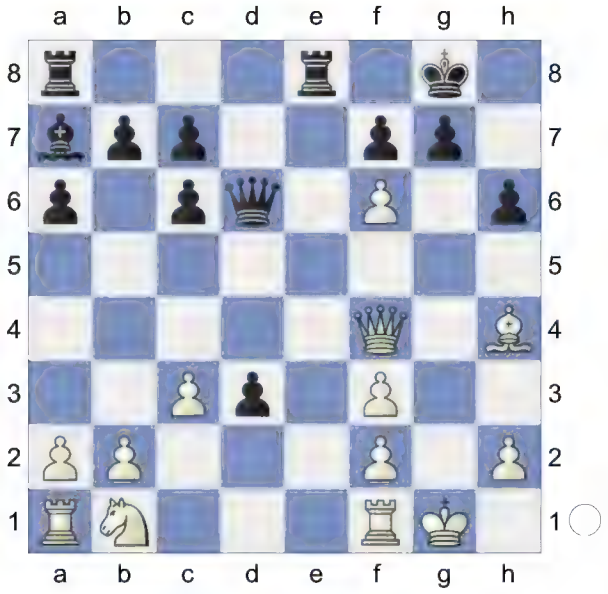
[9...d6± 0.64/19]

[9...exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 20.Nc3 Rxb2 21.Rab1 Rxb1 22.Nxb1 Rg4 23.exd6 cxd6 24.Nc3 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]

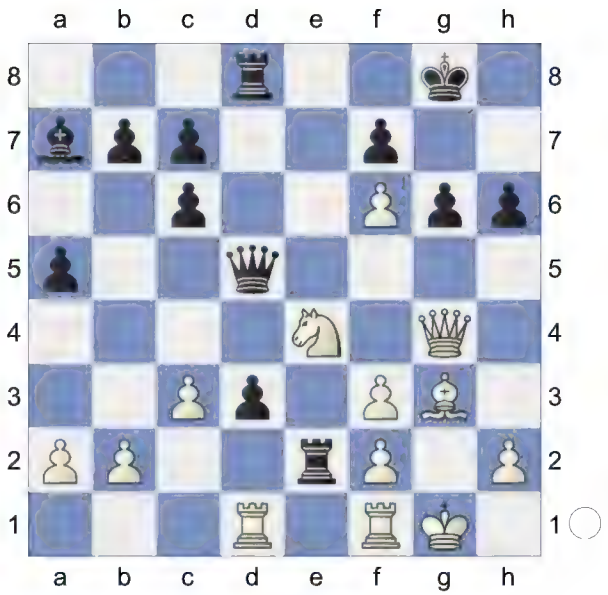
10.Bxc6± White is better. **10...dxc6**

(Diagram)

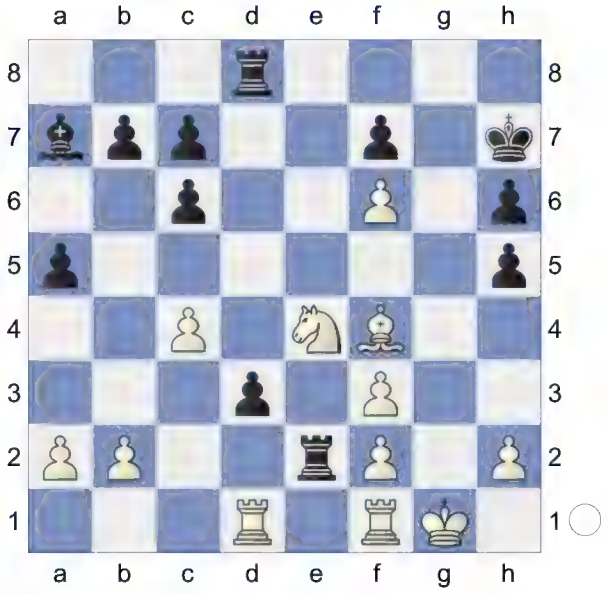
11.Qc1
[11.Nxe5?! g5 12.Bg3 *(12.Qb3 Be6∓)* 12...c5= *(12...Nxe4 13.Qf3∓)*]
11...exd4 2.50/21
[11...g5± 1.27/22 might work better.]
12.e5+- Bg4 aiming for ...Bxf3. **13.exf6 Bxf3 14.gxf3 d3 15.Qf4 Qd6**



16.Qg4
[16.Qxd6 cxd6 17.fxg7 c5+-]
16...g6 17.Nd2 Re2 18.Ne4 Qd5 19.Bg3 Rd8 20.Rad1
[20.Bxc7 Rd7+-]
20...a5



21.Qf4
[21.Bxc7 Rd7 22.c4 Qf5+-]
21...Kh7 22.c4
[22.Qxc7 Qd7 23.Qxa5 b5+-]
22...Qd7 23.Qh4
[23.Qxc7 a4 24.Qe5 Qc8+-]
23...Qf5 Prevents Ng5+ **24.Bf4 Qh5 25.Qxh5 gxh5**



26.Kh1
[26.Bxc7 Rd7 27.Bxa5 Rxb2+-]
26...Rxb2 27.Bxc7 Rd7 28.Bd6 Kg6 29.Rxd3 Rxa2 6.06/19
[⌓29...Rc2 4.15/16 30.Rg1+ Kf5]

30.Rg1+ Kf5

31.c5 h4 32.Rdd1 b6 33.Rg8 bxc5 34.Re8 Bb6 35.Re7

[Not 35.Nxc5 Rxd6 36.Rxd6 Bxc5 37.Rxc6 Bxf2±]

35...Rd8

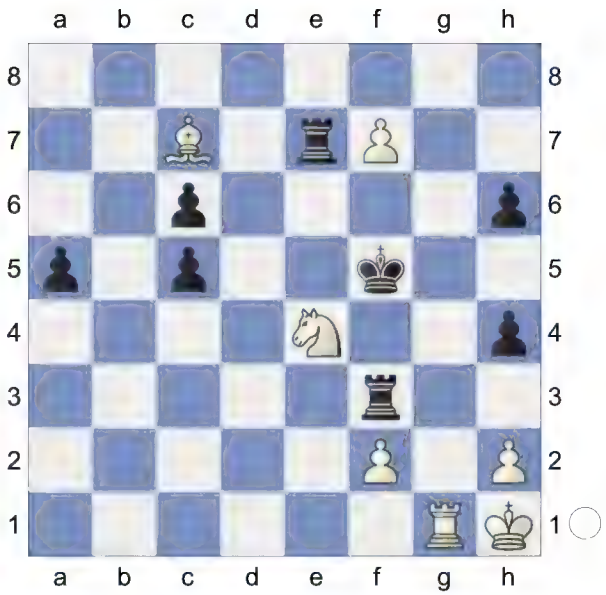
36.Rxf7 Ra3 37.Re7

[37.Nxc5 Bxc5 *(37...Rxf3? loses. 38.Rd7+-)* 38.Bxc5 Rxd1+ 39.Kg2 h3+ 40.Kxh3 Rxf3+ 41.Kg2 Kg6∓]

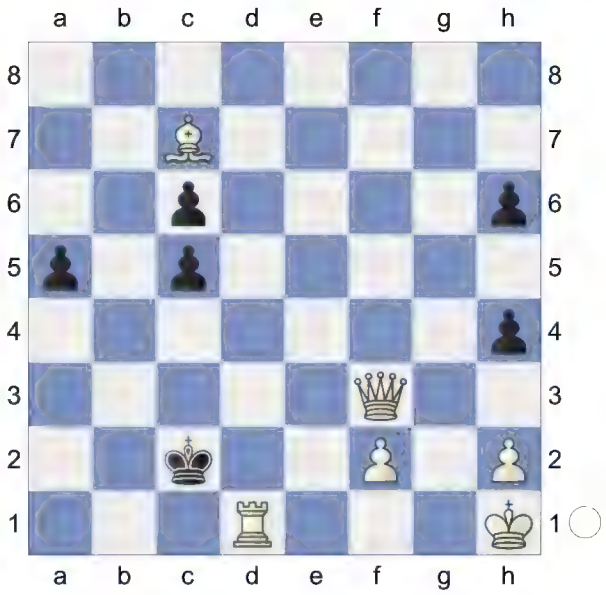
37...Rxf3 38.Rg1 Bc7 39.Bxc7

Intending f7! and mate. **39...Rd7 40.f7**

White mates. **40...Rxe7**



41.f8Q+ Kxe4 42.Qxe7+ Kd3 43.Rd1+ Kc4 44.Qe4+ Kc3 45.Qxf3+ Kc2



46.Rb1! c4

[46...Kxb1 47.Qb3+]

47.Qd1+ Kc3 Black got outplayed after the opening.

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48.Be5#

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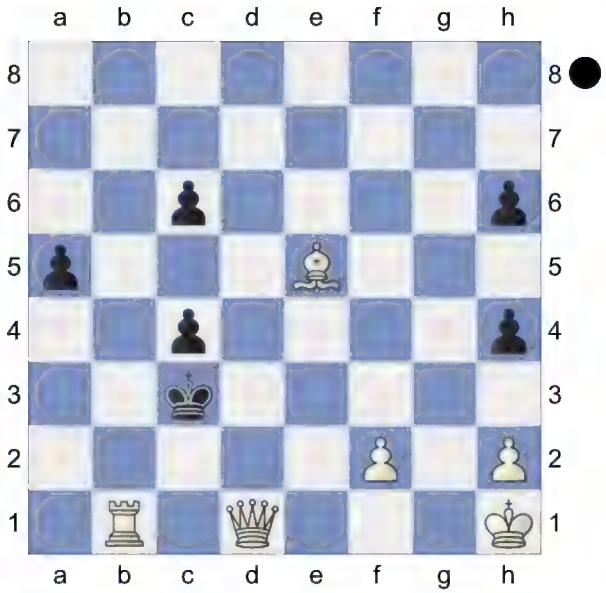

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32 **C70**
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2680**
■ **Grischuk,A** **2732**
Titled Tue 26th Mar Early blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**

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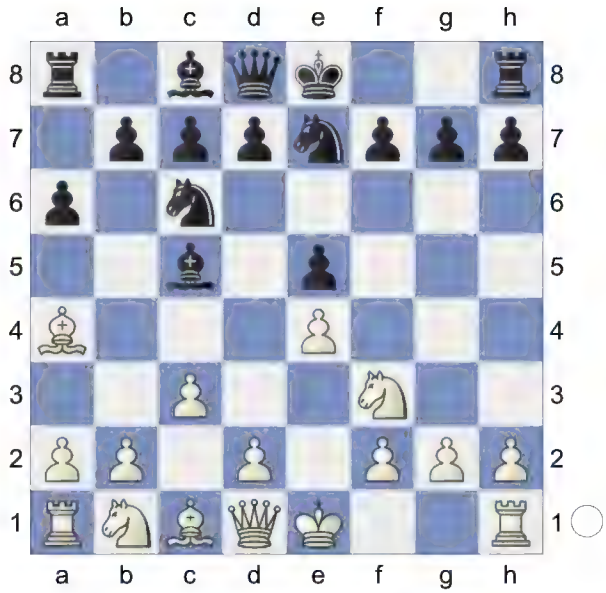
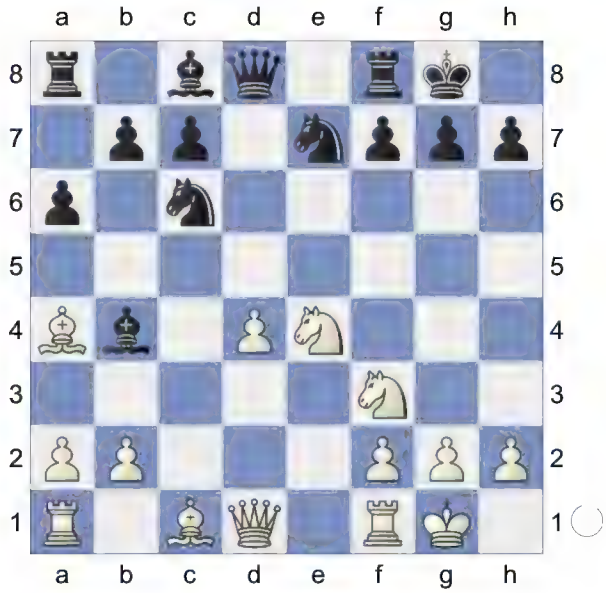


6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3
White is slightly better. **8...d5 9.0-0**
[9.e5 Bg4 10.Be3 f6 11.exf6 gxf6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.a3 Ba5 15.b4 Bb6 16.Ne5 Bxd1 17.Nxd7 Bxa4 18.Nxb6 cxb6 19.Nxa4 b5 20.Nc3 Kf7 21.Kd2 Rad8 22.Kd3 Nf5 23.Ra1 Nd6 0-1 (42) Vasilkov,N (2234)-Zdorov,E (2211) Moscow Ivi GP op 2025 (10)]
9...dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0



11.a3
[11.h3 Bf5 12.Nc3 Bd6 13.Bg5 f6

14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.Be3 Na5 16.Bc2 Nc4 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Bc1 Qd7 19.Qd3 Nb6 20.a4 Ne7 21.Re1 Nbd5 22.Ne4 Rad8 23.Bd2 Qf5 24.Qb3 b6 25.Rac1 a5 1-0 (80) Bellahcene,B (2517)-Chigaev,M (2631) Cappelle Online Blitz op 2021 (4)]

11...Bd6N

[11...Ba5 12.h3 *(12.b4 Bb6 13.Bb2 Bg4 14.Qd3 Ng6 15.Rad1 Nce7 16.Nc5 Qd5 17.Bb3 Qh5 18.h3 Nf4* 6) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-6 â-6A | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.O-O | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch *)* 12...b5 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 6) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und und 6.d4 â-6A | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.O-O | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch 15.Bg5 Qd5 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Nc5 Ng6 18.b4 Bb6 19.Re1 Nf4 Line 5 5.c3 Nge7 6.d4-9. 0-0]

12.Bg5 f6 13.Bb3+ Kh8 14.Bh4 -0.36/20

[White should try 14.Be3± 0.42/21]

14...Bg4!∓ 15.Ba2? -1.94/21

[15.Bg3= -0.30/18 and White has nothing to worry.]

15...Nf5!-+

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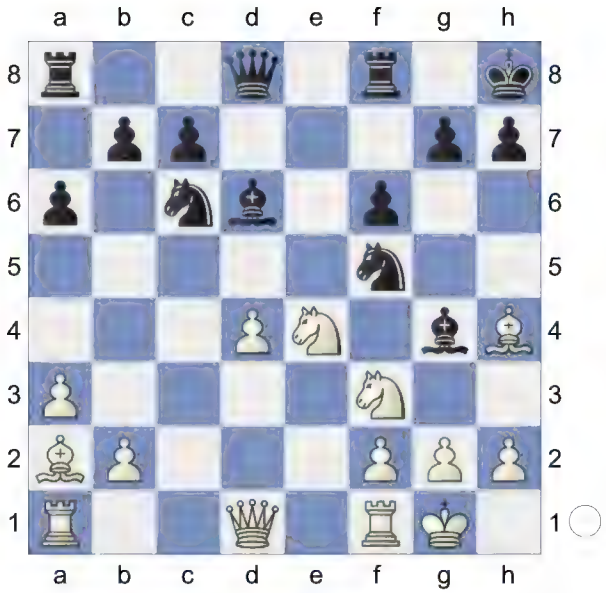
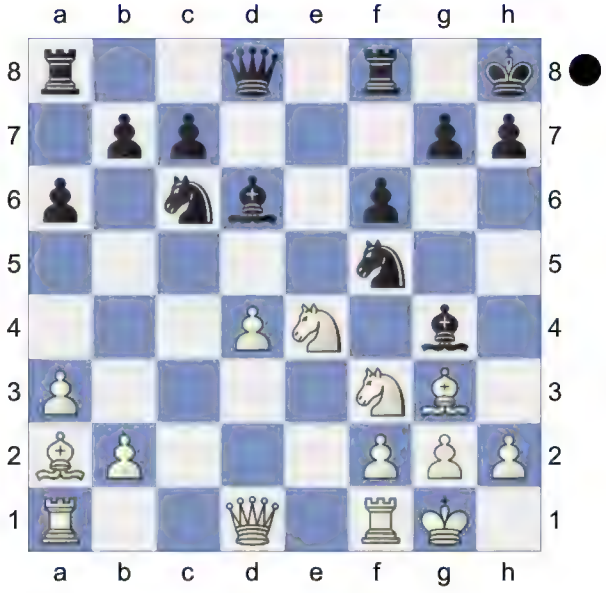


White must now prevent ...Nxh4. **16.Bg3**



Nfxd4! -1.05/19 **17.Nxd6∓ cxd6 18.Bd5 Rc8**

[18...Bxf3 19.gxf3 Qb6 20.Rc1 Qxb2 21.Kg2 Rfe8]

19.Bxc6 Nxc6 20.h3 -1.22/22

[20.Qxd6∓ -0.69/20 Qb6 21.b4]

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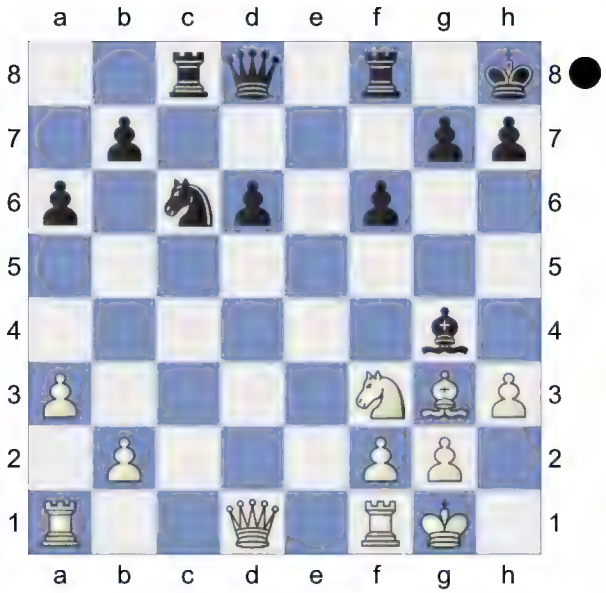

20...Bxf3!

21.Qxf3 Qe7 -0.06/23
[21...d5∓ -1.33/20 22.Qf5 d4]
22.Rad1↑ White has good play. **22...Ne5 23.Qb3 Rc6 24.Rd5 h6 25.Rfd1 Rfc8**

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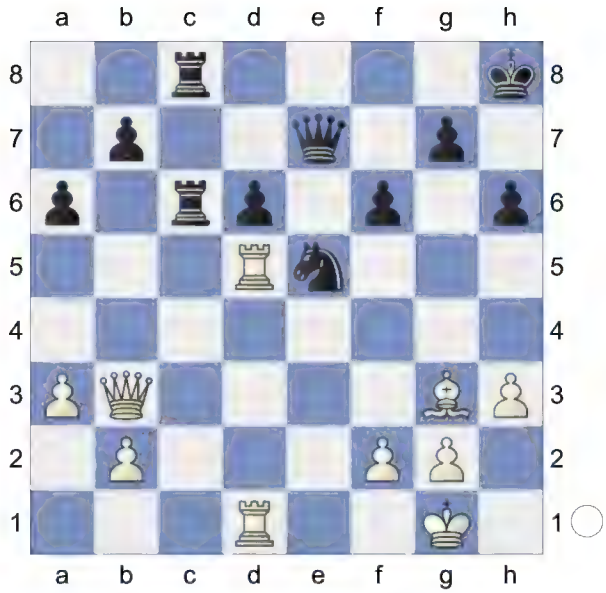
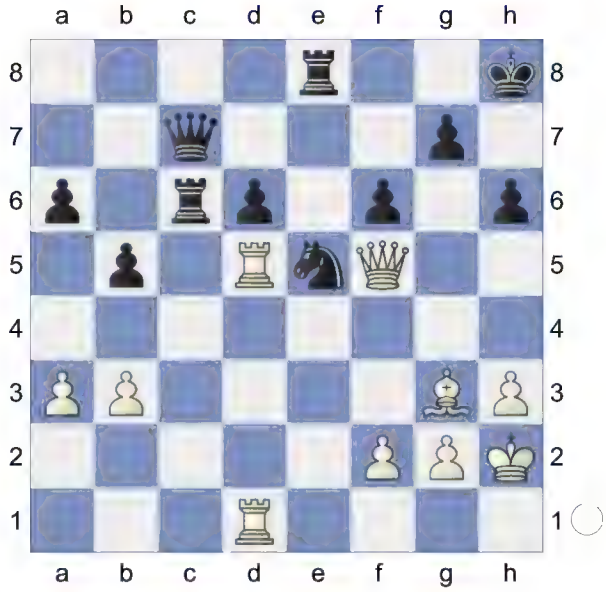
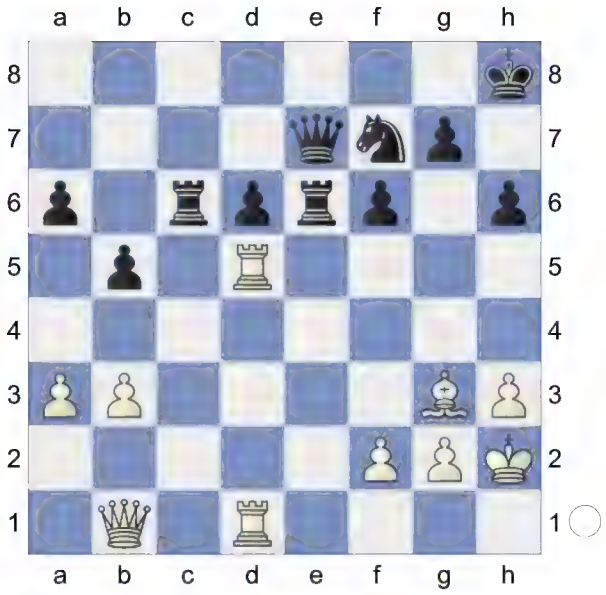


26.Kh2 b5 27.Qe3 Qc7 28.Qe4 Nc4 29.b3 White has compensation. **29...Ne5 30.Qf5 Re8**

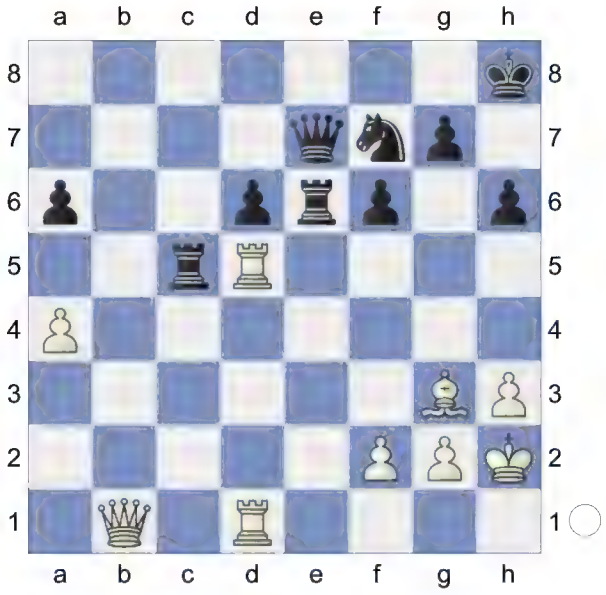


31.Qh5 Re6 32.Qf5 Qe7 33.Bf4 Rc3 34.Qb1
[34.a4 Rxb3 35.Rc1 Qd7 36.Rxd6 Rxd6 37.Rc8+]
34...Nf7 35.Bg3 Rc6
[35...Re2 keeps more tension. 36.Bxd6 Nxd6 37.Rxd6 Qe5+]

(Diagram)

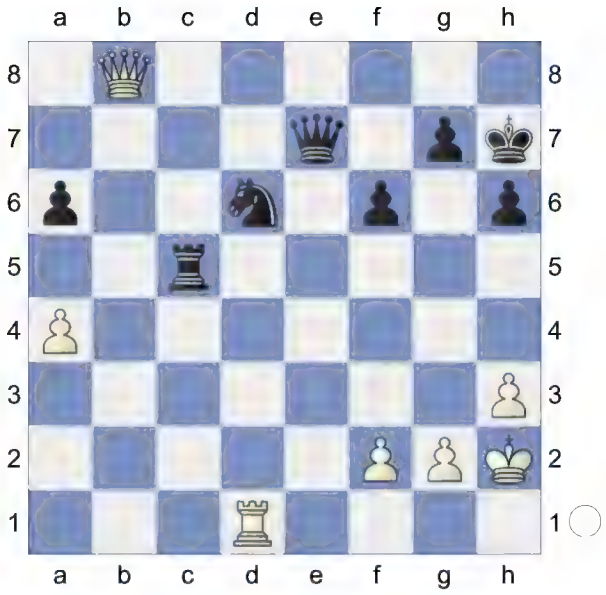


36.a4 bxa4 37.bxa4 Rc5



38.Bxd6 0.00/30 **Rxd6** The position is equal. **39.Qb8+ Kh7 40.Rxd6** aiming for Qb1+. **40...Nxd6**

(Diagram)



41.Qxd6 Qe5+ 42.Qxe5 Rxe5 43.Rd6 a5 44.Rd4 g5

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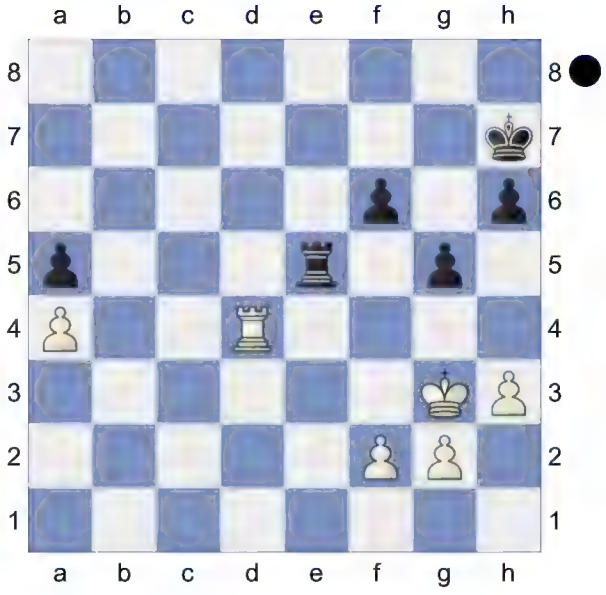
45.Kg3



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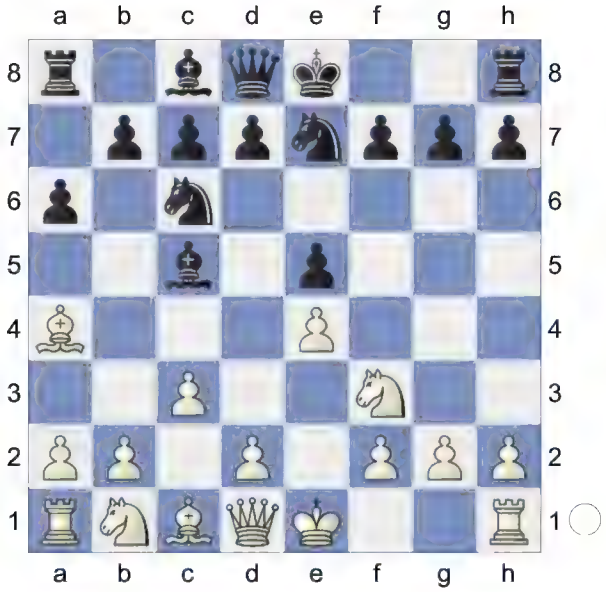
33 **C70**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**
■ **Yu Yangyi** **2729**
Airthings Masters Div 2 W (5.1) 10.02.23
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

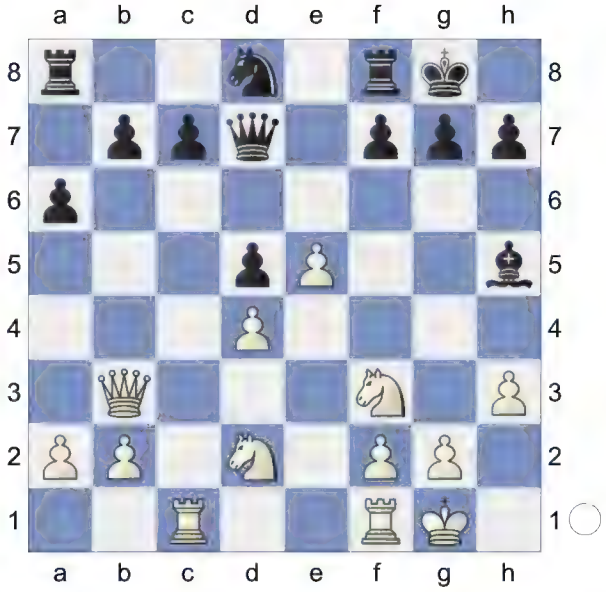
1.e4 GM Ioannis Papaioannou **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**



6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d5 10.e5 0-0**

(Diagram)

11.0-0 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rac1 Nd8



16.Qe3N Black is weak on the dark squares

[16.Rfe1 Ne6 17.Qe3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 h6 19.Nh4 b6 20.Nf5 Kh7 21.Qd3 Kh8 22.Qd2 Kh7 23.Rc3 a5 24.Rg3 Rg8 25.Rc1 Rac8 26.Rcc3 g5 27.Ne3 h5 28.h4 gxh4 29.Nf5 Rg6 30.Rxg6 fxg6 1-0 Caruana,F (279 (2792)-Halkias,S (2527) World Rapid 2021 (4.14)]

16...Bxf3

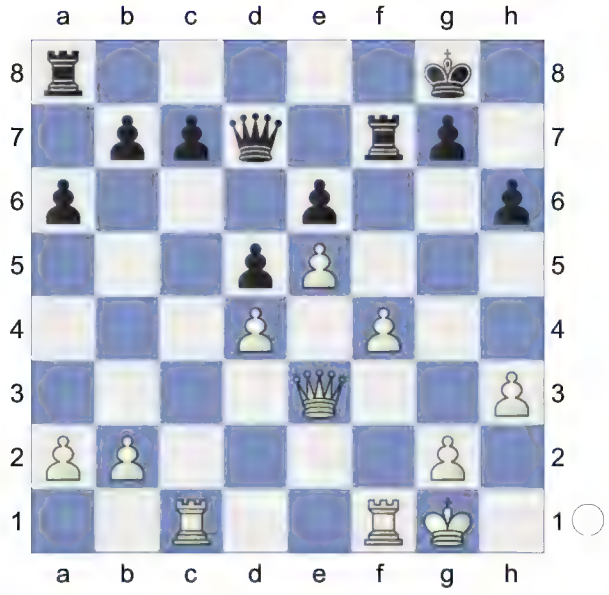
[16...Ne6 GM Ioannis Papaioannou 17.Ng5 Black may have been worried about this, so he decided to capture the knight on f3 first.]

17.Nxf3 Ne6 18.Ng5 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'A very nice move, showing that Caruana has deep knowledge of these pawn structures.'

18...h6

[18...c6 GM Ioannis Papaioannou 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.f4 Threatening f5. f5± If there were minor pieces on the board, this is a typical move, but in a position with only heavy pieces left, every blockade of the e-pawn can be done only by tying down a strong piece to the defense, while White's plans are easy - either b4-a4-b5, or to push on the other side with g4 sooner or later.]

19.Nxe6 fxe6 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'White is ready for a slow maneuvering game where he has some extra space and a better position.' **20.f4 Rf7**



21.Rf3 Raf8 22.Rcf1 Qa4 23.a3 Qb5 24.b3 b6 25.Rc1 a5

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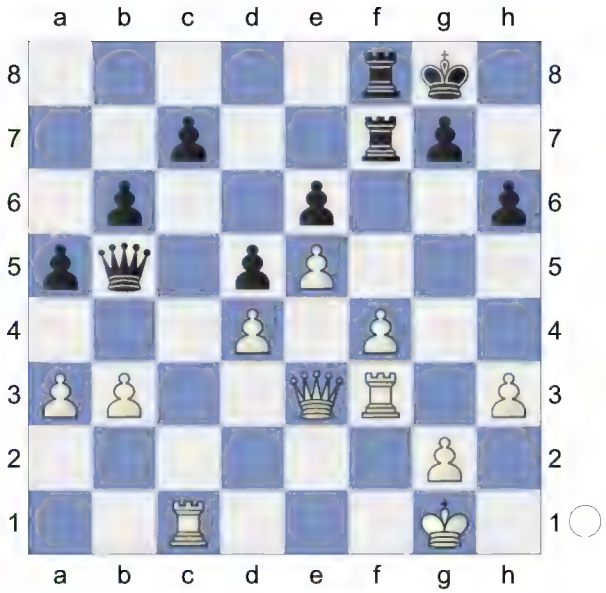


26.Kh2 Qd7 0.87/19

[26...h5± 0.42/21 feels stronger.]

27.a4 0.30/22 White is more active.

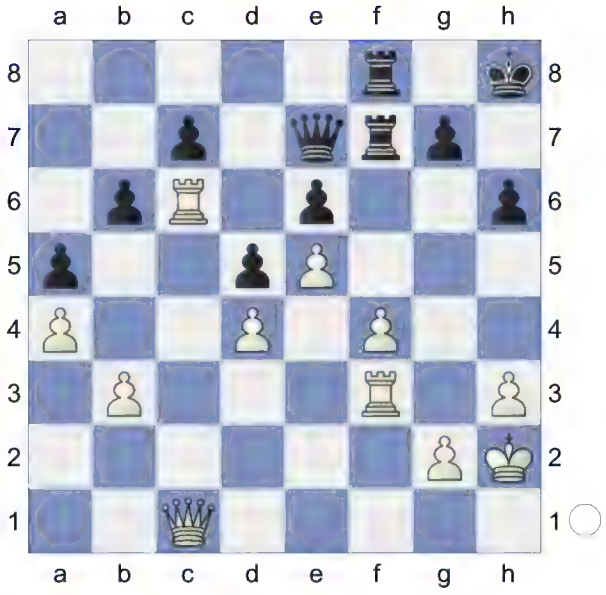
[27.Rc2± 0.87/19]

27...Kh8 28.Rc2 Kg8 0.91/18

[Black should try 28...Qe7± 0.40/18]

29.Qc1!± Qe7 30.Rc6 Kh8 1.71/22

[30...Qb4± 1.09/22]



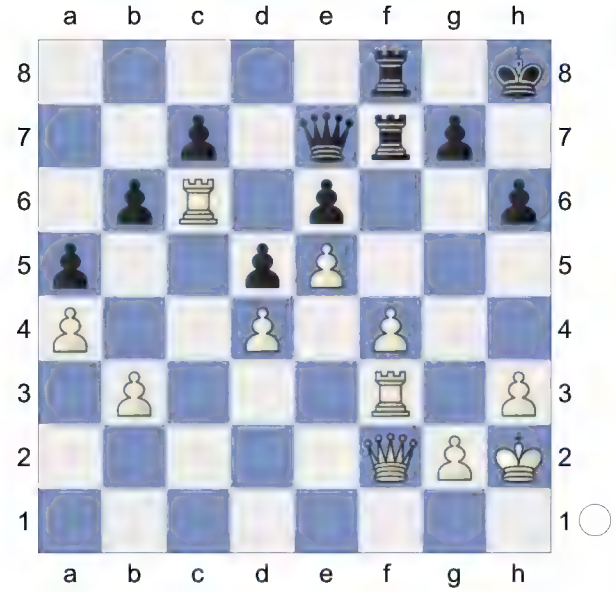
31.Qc2 Qb4 2.07/20

[⌓31...Kg8 1.68/20 32.g3 Qb4]

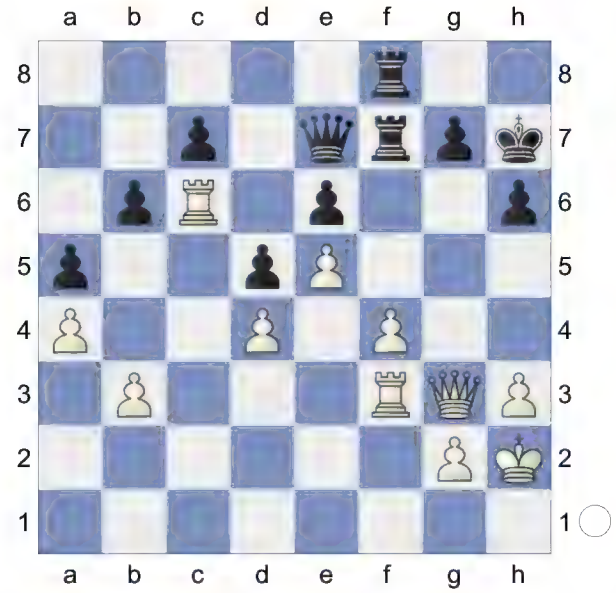
32.Qf2

[32.Rxc7?! Qxd4 33.Rxf7 Rxf7±]

32...Qe7



33.Qc2! Qb4 34.Qf2 0.46/19
[34.Rxc7 Qxd4 35.Rxf7 Rxf7±]
[34.Rxe6+- 1.80/18 And now Qc6 would win. Qxd4 35.f5]
34...Qe7± 35.Qg3 Kh7!



36.Qg4 Rf5 37.Rg3 Qf7 38.Qd1 Rxf4 39.Qc2+ Qf5! and ...Qxc2 would now be decisive **40.Qxf5+ R8xf5**

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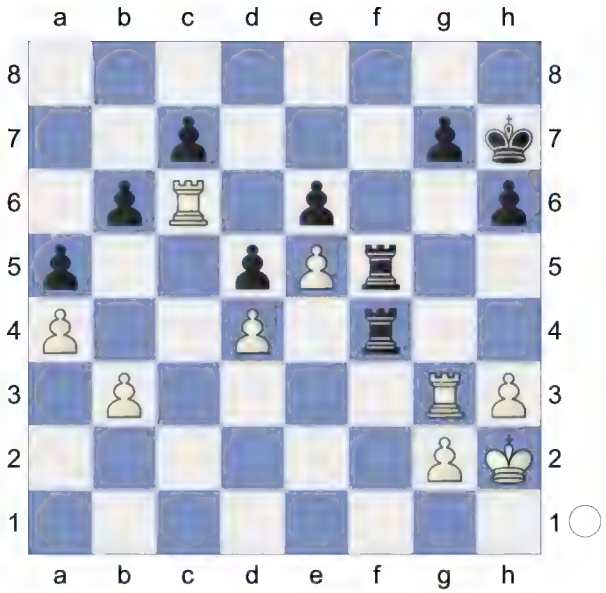
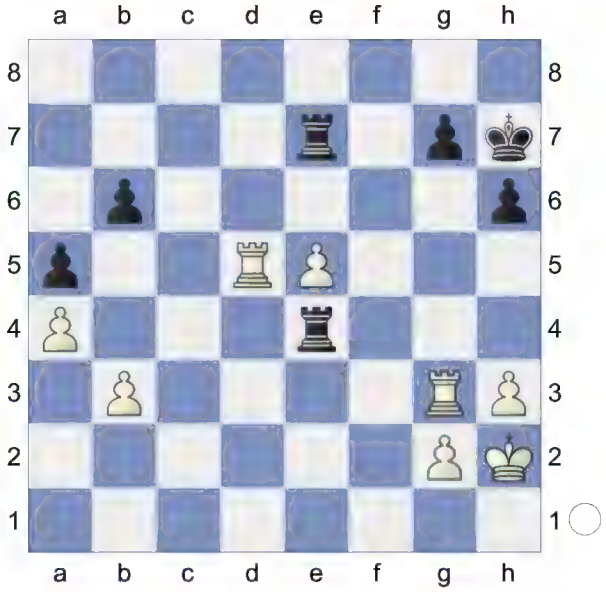
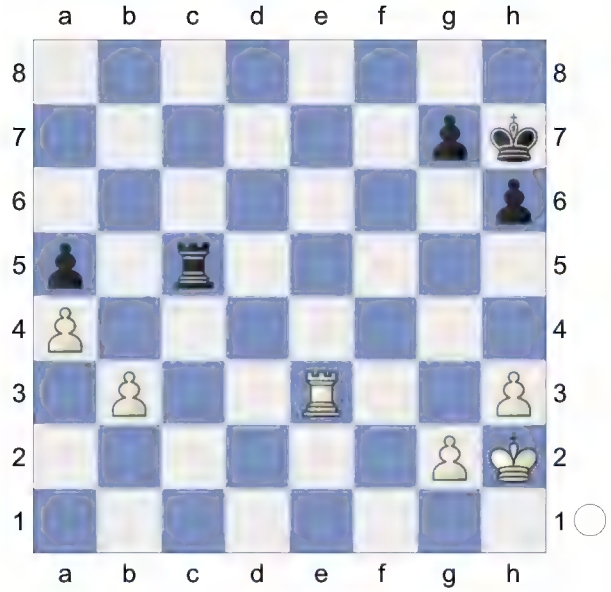


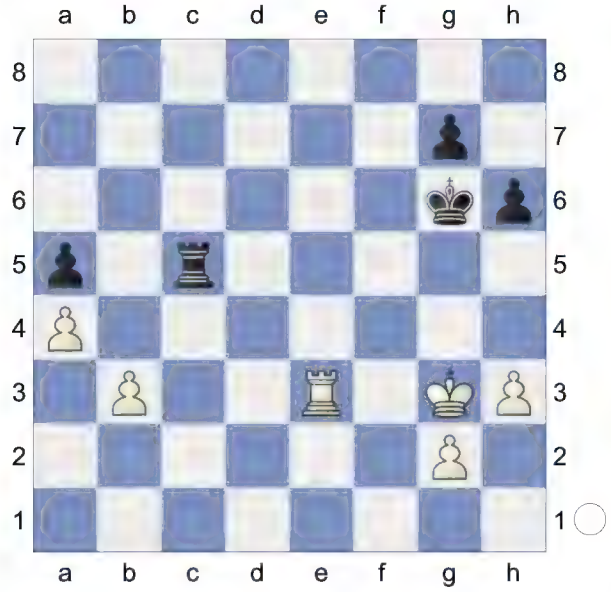
41.Rxc7= Endgame KRR-KRR **41...Rf7 42.Rc6 Rxd4 43.Rxe6 Rb4 44.Rd6 Re7 45.Rxd5 Re4**



Prevents Re3. **46.Rd6 R7xe5?** 1.66/23
[46...b5!= 0.06/21]
47.Rxb6+- Re3 48.Rb5 0.90/21
[White should play 48.Rb7 1.34/23 Rxg3 49.Kxg3]
48...Rxb5± 49.Rxe3 KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
[49.axb5?! Re5=]
49...Rc5 2.10/21
[49...Rb6± 0.77/22]



50.Kg3!+- Kg6



51.Kf4 Kf6 52.Ke4 Rc2 53.g3 h5 54.h4 Rc1? 4.89/19

[54...Rc8 2.56/21 was worth a try. 55.Rf3+ Ke6]

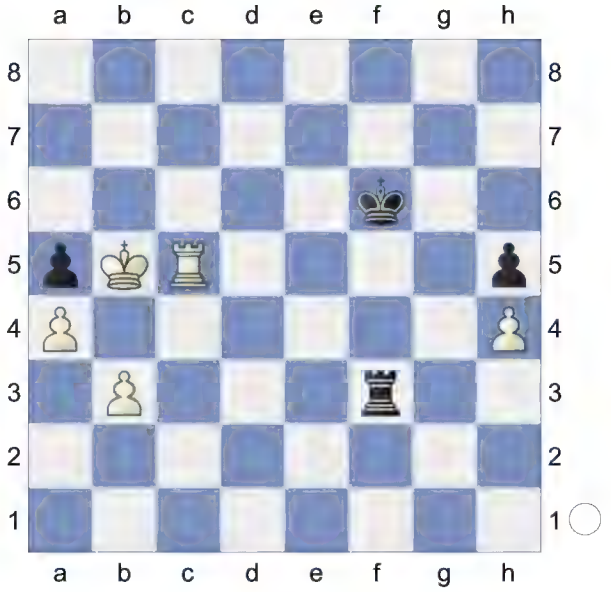
55.Kd4 White is clearly winning. **55...g6**

(Diagram)

56.Rc3 Rf1 57.Kc5 g5 58.Kb5 gxh4 59.gxh4

[Stronger than 59.Kxa5 h3 60.Rc2 Kg5=]

59...Rf5+ 60.Rc5 Rf3



61.Rxh5 Rxb3+ 62.Kxa5 Ke6 63.Rb5 Rh3 64.h5 Kd7 65.Kb6 Kc8

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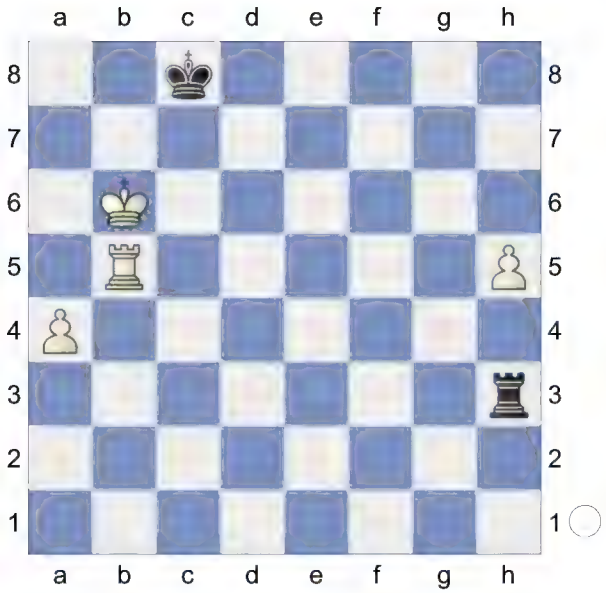
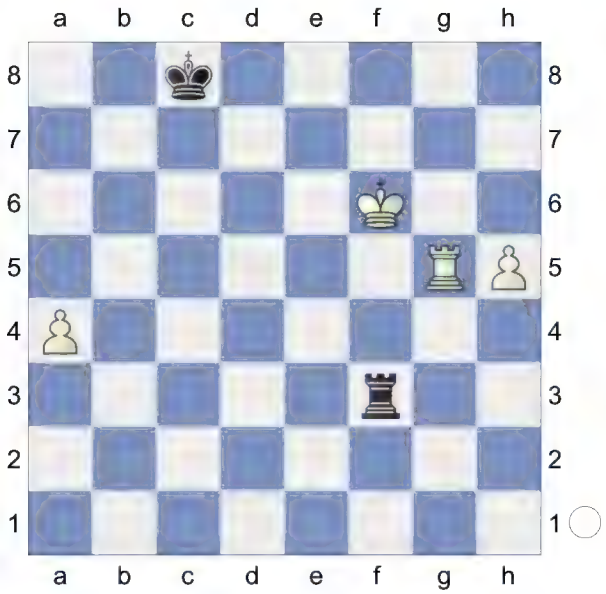


66.Rg5 Rb3+ 67.Kc6 Rc3+ 68.Kd6 Rd3+ 69.Ke6 Re3+ 70.Kf6 Rf3+



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71.Kg7

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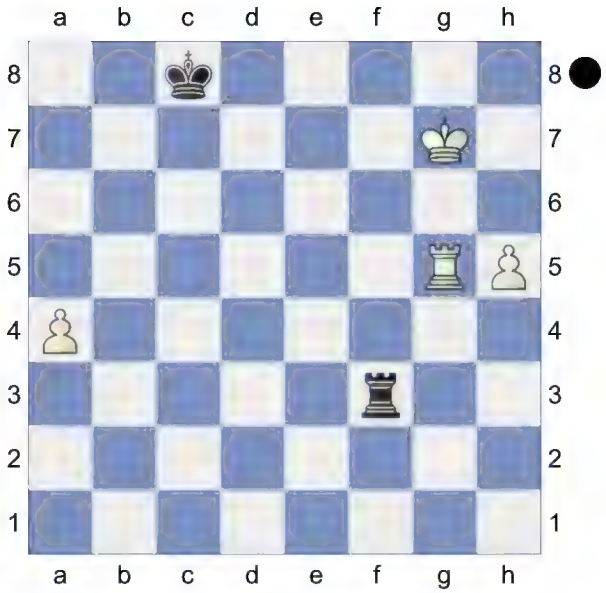

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34 **C70**

□ **CalmMovesAI** **3116**

■ **admonitor** **2728**

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C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Ba7

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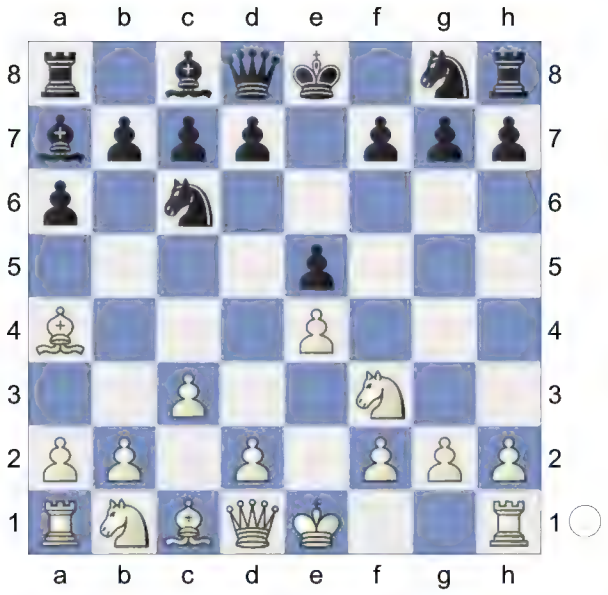
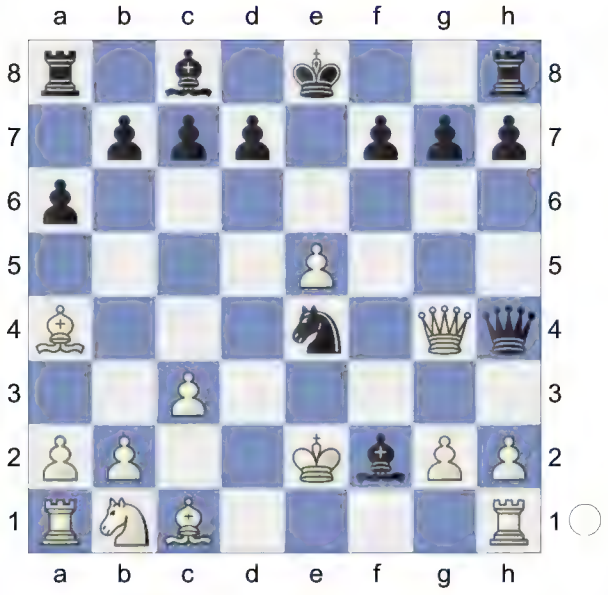


6.d4 Nf6 7.Nxe5
[7.dxe5 Nxe4 8.0-0 0-0=]
7...Nxe5 8.dxe5 White is slightly better.
8...Nxe4 9.Qg4 Inhibits Qh4.
[9.0-0 0-0=]
9...Bxf2+
[9...Nxf2? 10.Qxg7 Rf8 *(10...Nd3+? 11.Kd2+-)* 11.Bg5+-]
10.Ke2! White is more active. **10...Qh4**



11.Qxg7 Rf8 12.b4! Qh5+N 13.g4 Really sharp! **13...Qg6 14.Qxg6 fxg6 15.Bh6 b5**

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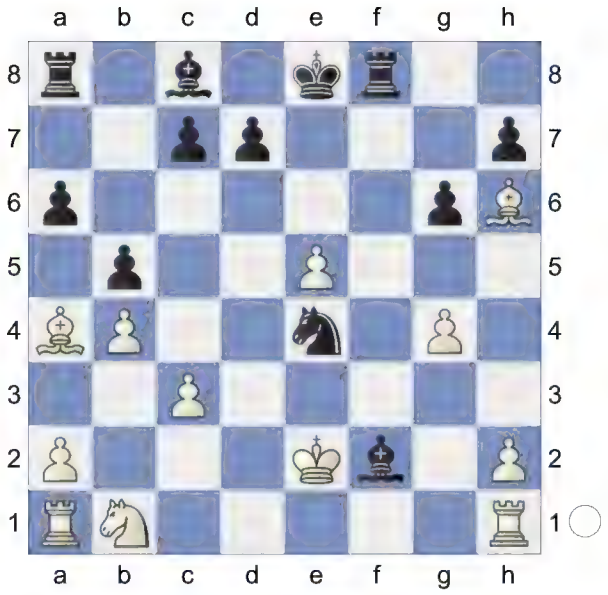
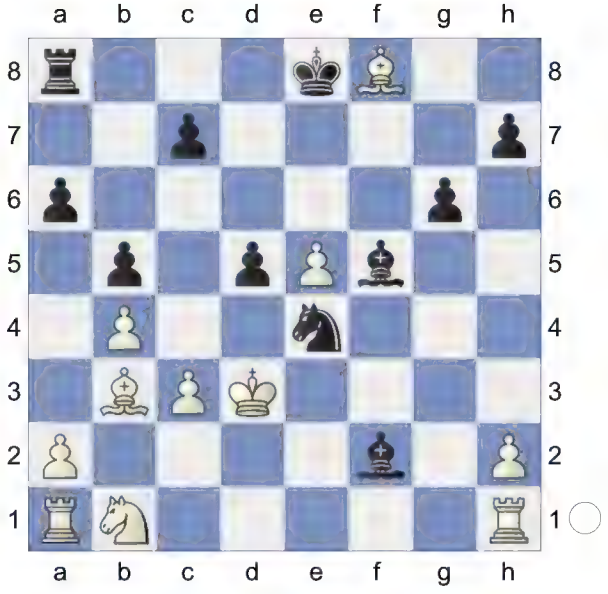
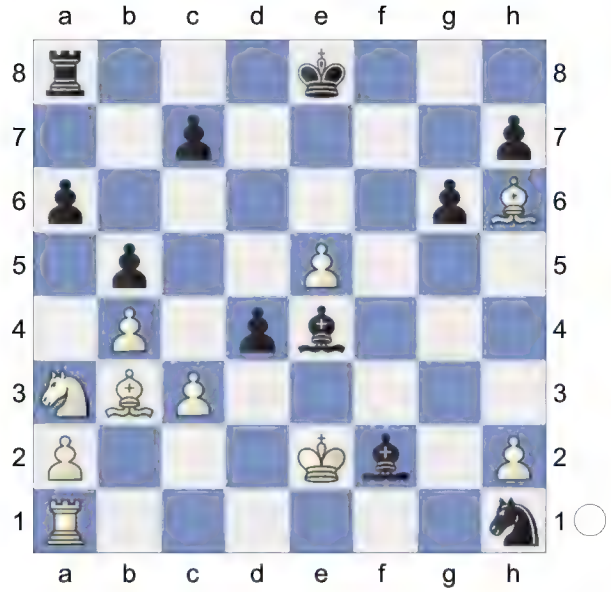


and ...d5! should not be overlooked
16.Bxf8 d5 17.Bb3
[17.exd6 Bxg4+ 18.Kd3 Bf5∓]
17...Bxg4+ 18.Kd3 Bf5! 19.Ke2 Bg4+!
[19...Kxf8? 20.Bxd5 Rd8 21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Rf1 Bd3+ 23.Kxf2+-]
20.Kd3 Bf5!

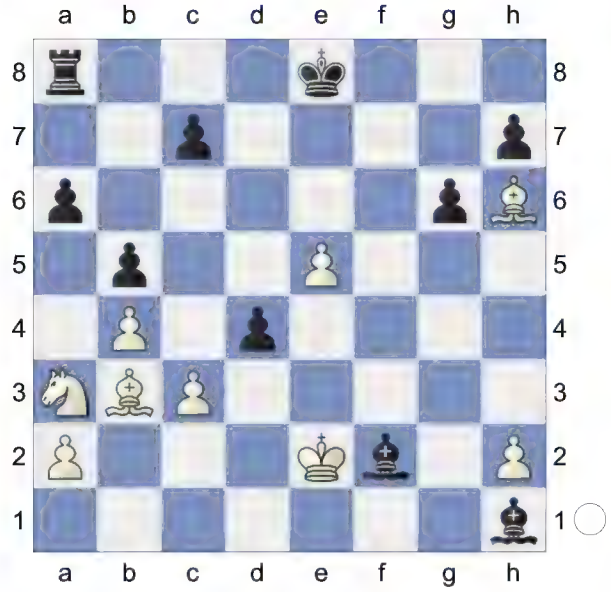


21.Bh6
[21.Bxd5 Rd8 22.c4 c6-+ *(22...Kxf8? 23.Ke2-+)*]
21...Ng3+ 22.Kd2 Nxh1 23.Na3
[23.Bxd5 Rd8 24.c4 bxc4∓ *(24...c6? 25.Nc3-+)*]

23...Be4 24.Ke2 d4



25.Rxh1! Remove Defender **25...Bxh1**



26.Kxf2 dxc3 27.Ke3 c6! 28.Nb1 c2 29.Bxc2 a5 30.bxa5 Rxa5

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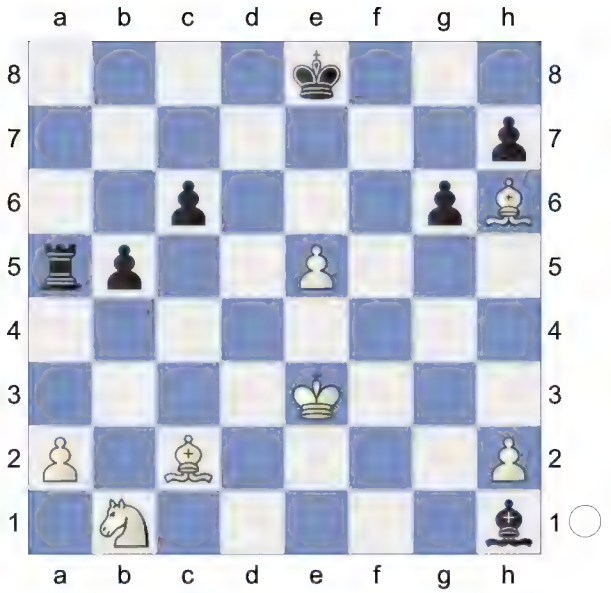
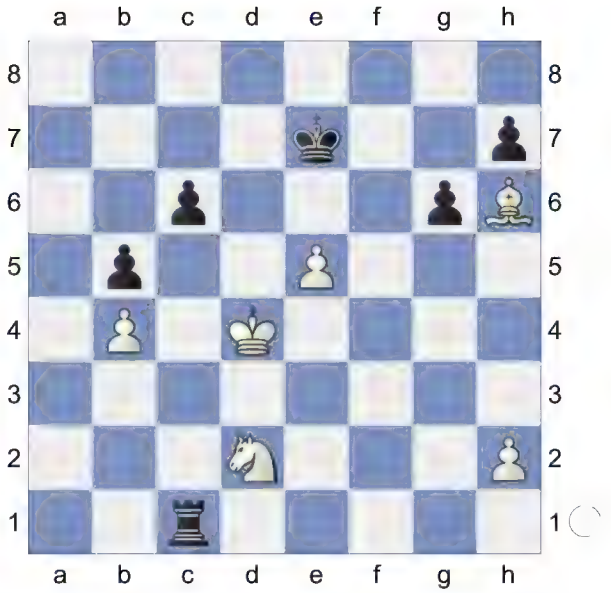


31.Bb3 Bd5 0.73/25

[31...b4= 0.07/20]

32.Nd2± Ke7 33.Kd4 Bxb3 34.axb3 Ra1 35.b4! Rc1



36.Be3! Kd7

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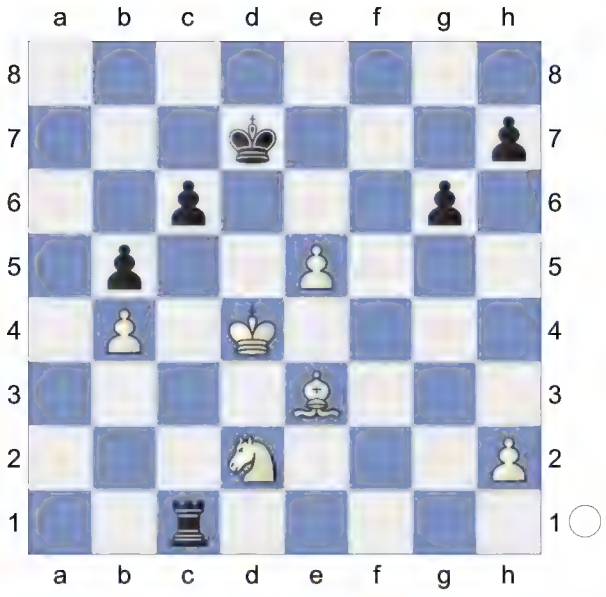
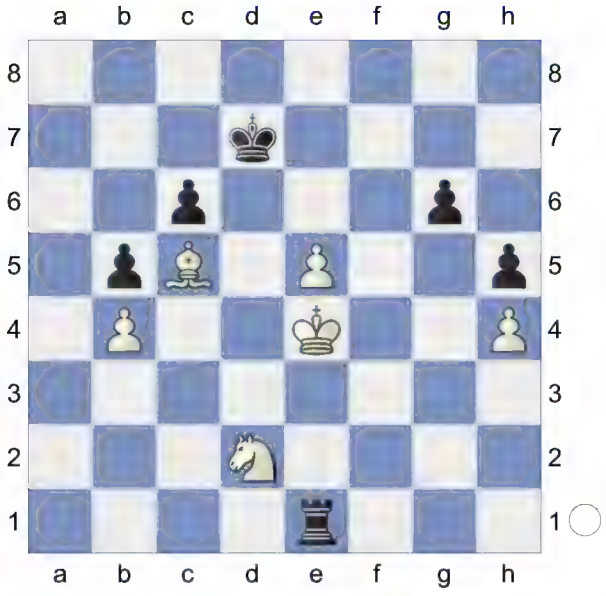


37.Kd3 Wards off Rc2 **37...h5?** 4.00/25
[37...Ke6± 1.56/18 was called for.]
38.h4+- Ke7 39.Ke4? 0.97/20
[39.Nf3+- 3.96/23 Rc4 40.Nd4]
39...Kd7± 40.Bc5? 6.15/21
[40.Bd4± 0.97/20]
40...Re1++-



41.Kf4! Rc1 42.Nf3 Rf1 43.Ke3 Rh1 44.Ke4 Rb1 45.Nd4 Ke8

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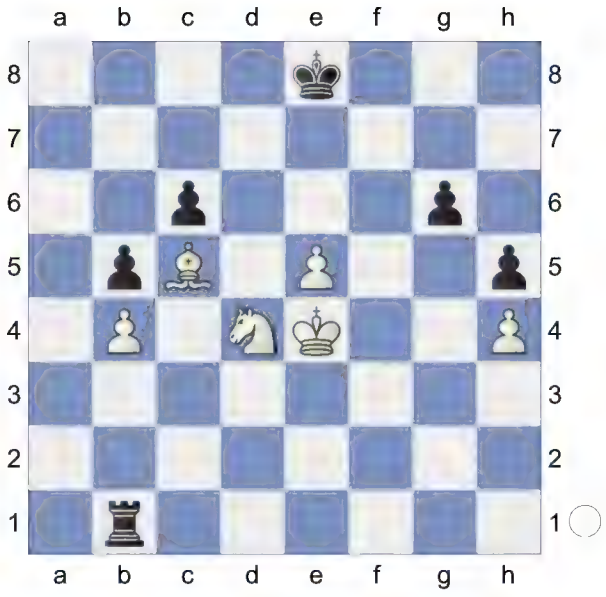
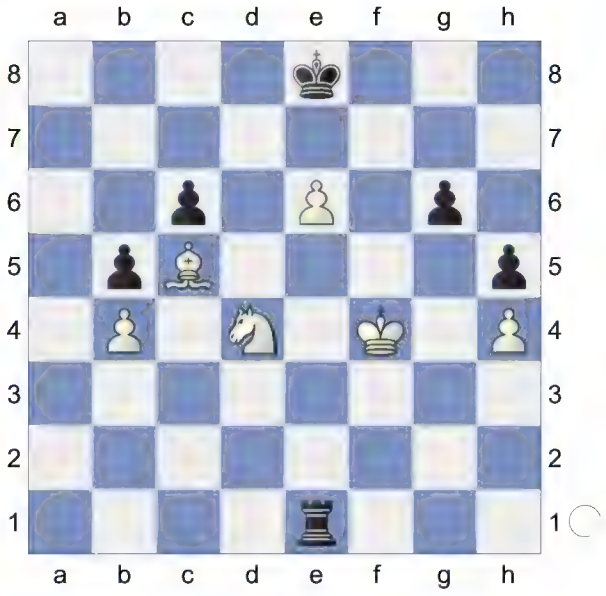


46.e6 Rh1 47.Nf3 Rd1 8.32/23
[⌓47...Rh3 4.84/19 48.Kf4 Kd8 49.e7+ Ke8]
48.Ke5 Rd5+ 49.Kf4 Rd1 50.Nd4 Re1



51.Kg5
[51.Nxc6 Rxe6 52.Nd4 Rf6+ 53.Ke5 Rf2±]
51...Rg1+ 52.Kf6 Threatens to win with Nf5!. **52...Rg4 53.Kg7 Rg2 54.e7 g5 55.hxg5**
[55.Nxc6? gxh4+ 56.Kf6 h3-+]
55...Rxg5+

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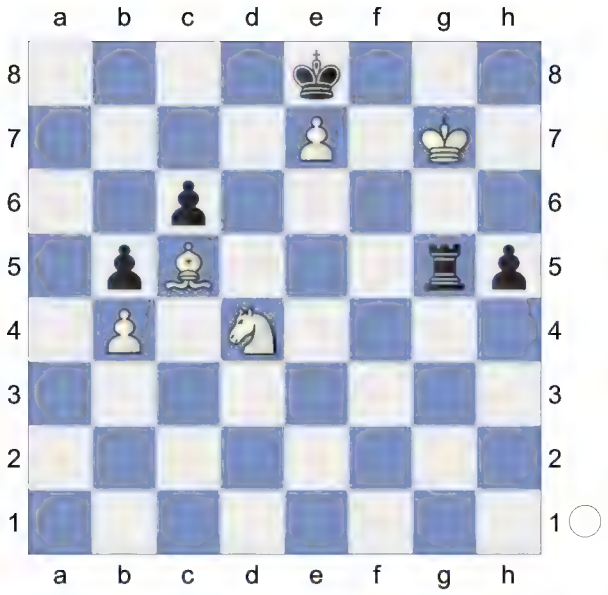
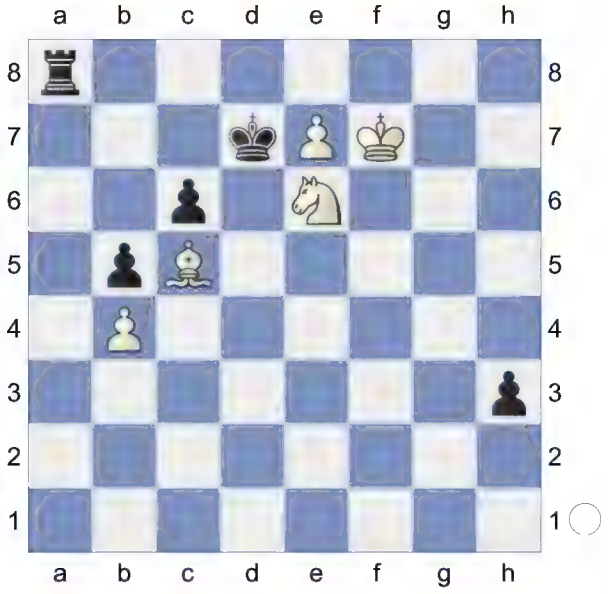


56.Kf6 Rg8 57.Nf5 Intending Ng7+ and mate. **57...Kd7 58.Kf7 Ra8 59.Ng7 h4 60.Ne6 h3**



61.Nf8+ Kc7 62.Ne6+
[62.e8R? Rxe8 63.Kxe8 h2-+]
62...Kd7 63.Bg1 c5 64.Nxc5+
[Inferior is 64.Bxc5 h2 65.Nf8+ Kc6-+]
64...Kd6 65.Ne6
[Not 65.e8B Kd5±]
65...Ke5

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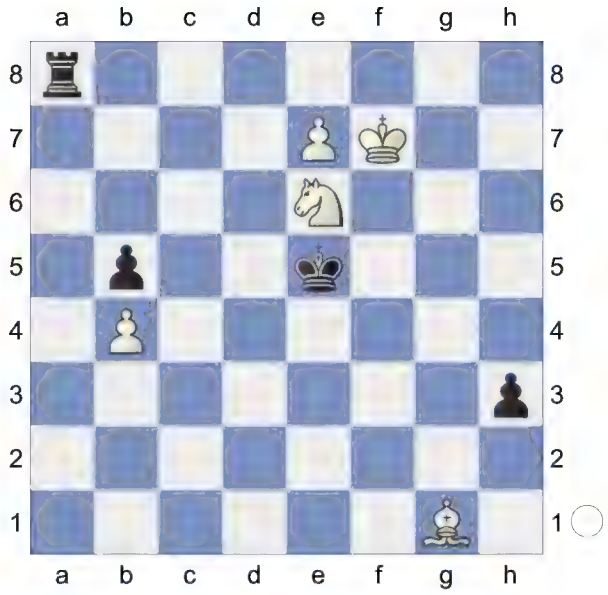
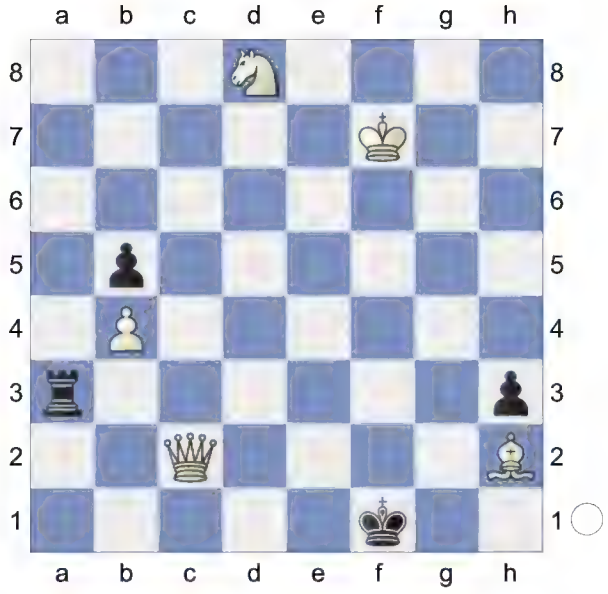


66.Nd8 Kf4 67.e8Q Ra3 68.Bh2+ Kf3 69.Qc6+ Kf2 70.Qc2+ White mates. **70...Kf1**



71.Qb1+ Kg2 72.Qg1+ Kf3 73.Qg3+ Ke2 74.Qxa3 Kf2 75.Qxh3 Ke2

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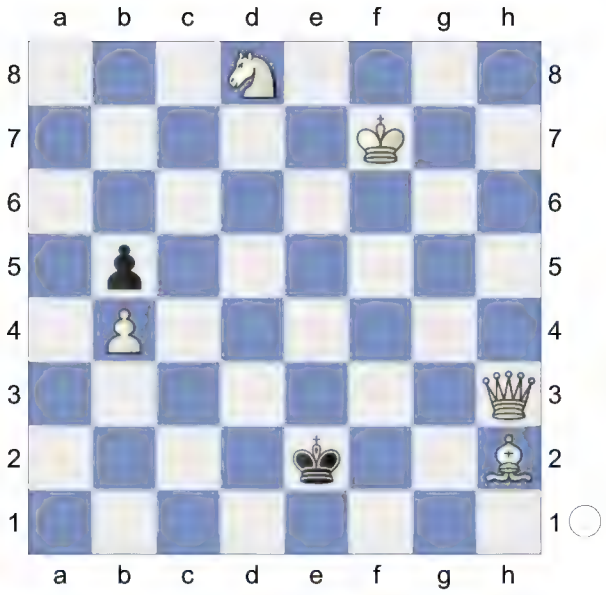
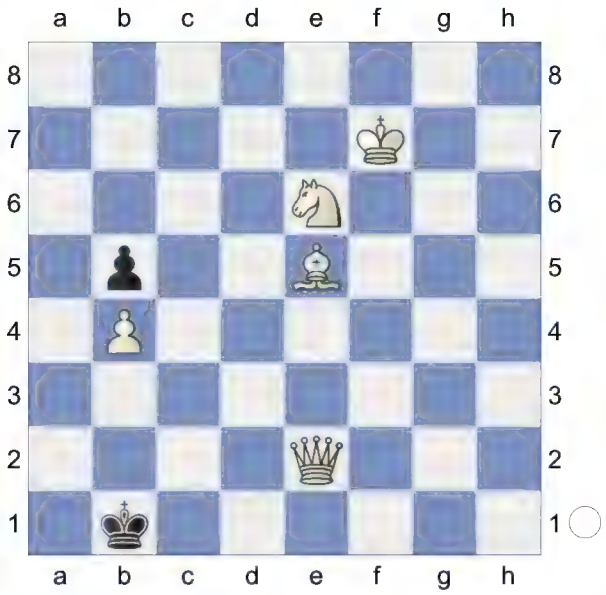


76.Be5 Kd2 77.Ne6 Kc2 78.Qc3+ Kd1 79.Qd3+ Kc1 80.Qe2 Kb1



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81.Qb2#

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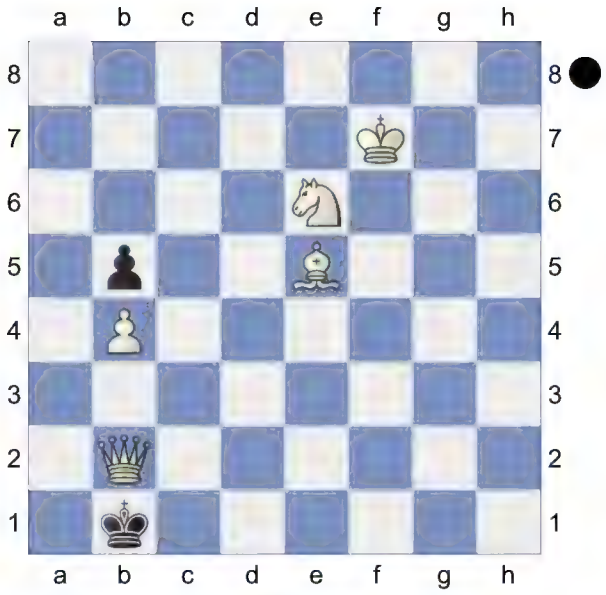

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35 **C70**

□ **ToromBot** **2953**

■ **expositor** **2725**

Rapid 04.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

From an article in Italian sent to me by Pagni. 2nd national corr tournament 1900. Original source: Rivista Schachistica Itialiano 2:173-174, 1901

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6

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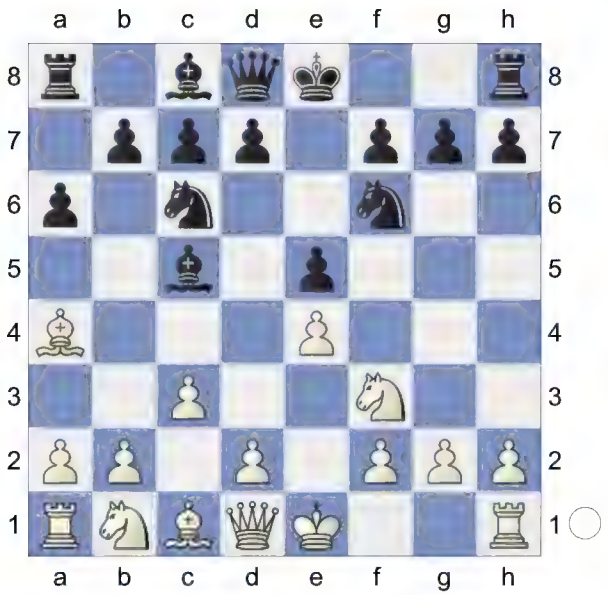

6.d4 exd4

[6...Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 20.Nc3 Rxb2 21.Rab1 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]

7.e5 Ng4N 1.17/18

[Black should try 7...Ne4 0.71/17 8.0-0 b5 9.Bc2 Nxf2 10.Rxf2 dxc3 11.Nxc3 d6 12.Qd5 Bb7 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.Re1 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 0-0 16.Qd3 f5 17.e6 Qe8 18.e7 Rf7 19.Nd5 Rc8 20.Bb3 Na5 21.Nxc7 Rxc7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 1-0 (34) Rosselli Del Turco,S-Guglielmetti,A 2nd Italian corr tournament 1900]

8.cxd4± White is better.

[8.Nxd4? Qh4 *(8...Ngxe5 9.0-0∓; 8...Ncxe5 9.0-0∓)* 9.Qc2 b5-+ *(9...Ngxe5 10.Be3∓; 9...Nxd4? 10.cxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3-+; 9...Ncxe5? 10.Kf1-+)*]

8...Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qh4 10.g3! Qh3

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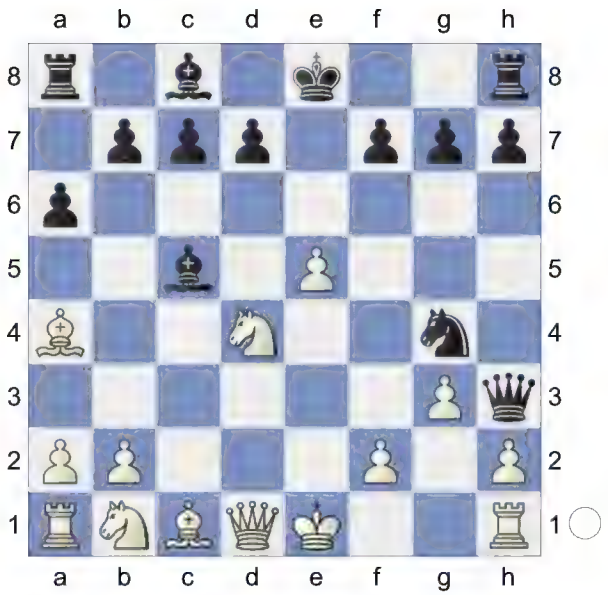
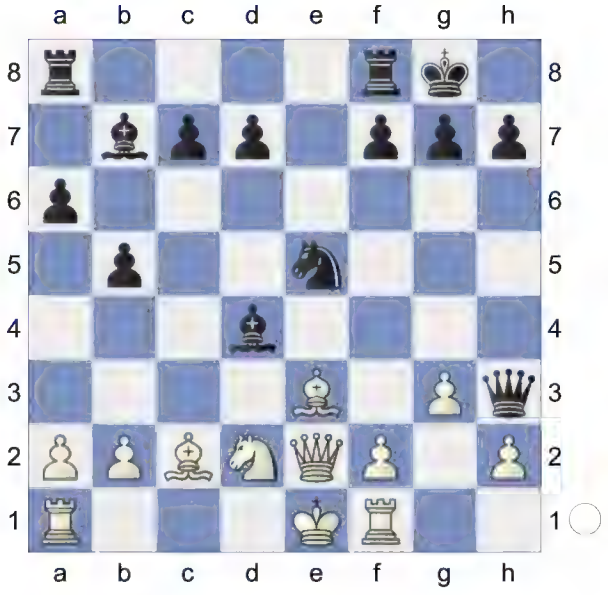


11.Be3 Nxe5 12.Qe2 b5 1.58/20

[⌓12...0-0 1.22/20]

13.Bc2! And now Nc3 would win.

13...Bb7 14.Rf1 0-0 and ...Bxd4! should not be overlooked **15.Nd2 Bxd4**



16.Bxd4 Nc6

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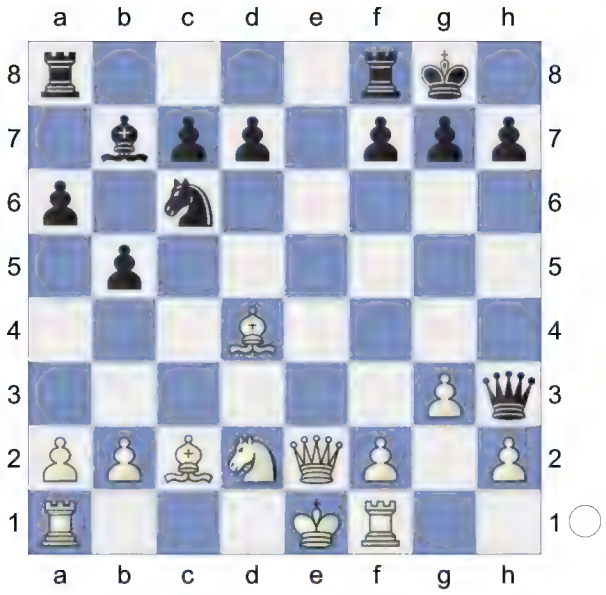
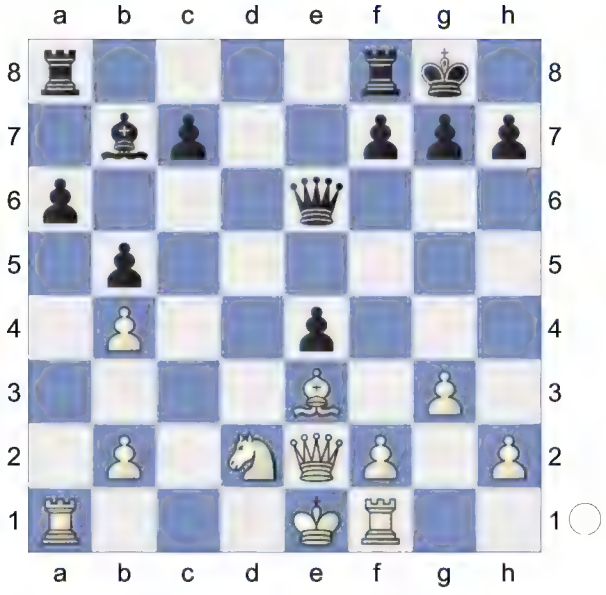


17.Be3 Nb4 18.Be4 d5 19.a3 dxe4 20.axb4 Qe6 1.78/18

[20...Rfd8± 1.31/16 keeps fighting. 21.0-0-0 Re8]



21.Bc5+- Rfe8 22.Kd1 Rad8 23.Kc1 Rd7 24.Ra3 Red8 25.Nb3 Rd3

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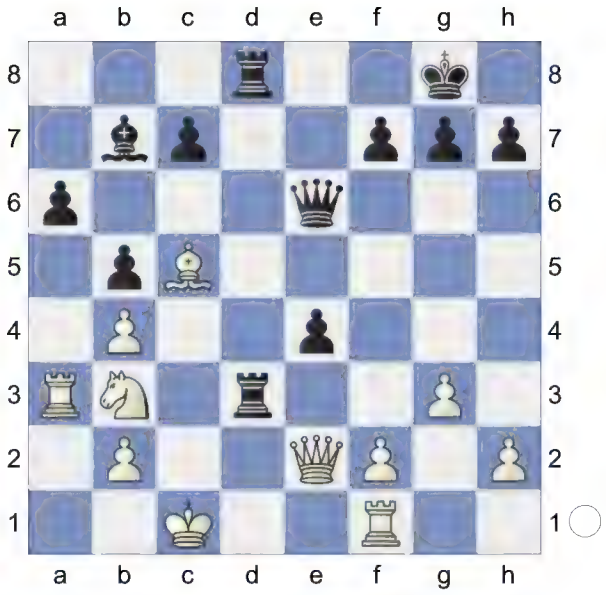


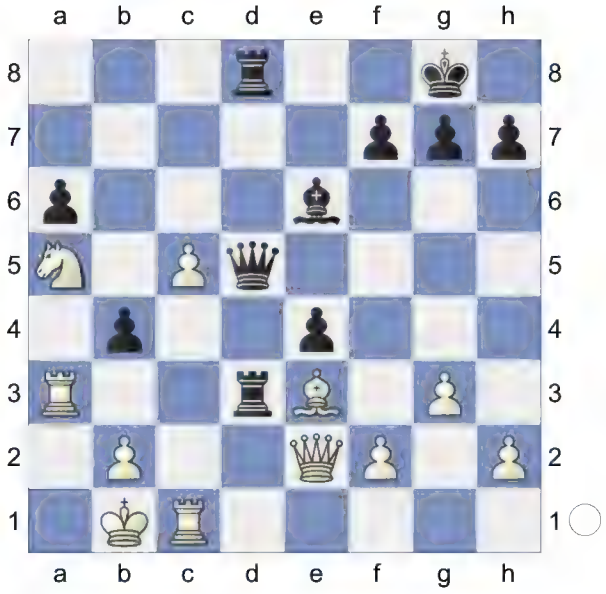
26.Na5 Qd5 27.Be3

[27.Nxb7 Rd2 28.Qe1 Qc4+ 29.Rc3 Qa2 30.Qxd2 Qa1+ 31.Kc2 Rxd2+ *(31...Qxf1 32.Qxd8#)* 32.Kxd2 Qxf1±]

27...Bc8 28.Kb1 c5 29.bxc5

[29.Bxc5 Rd2 30.Qe3 Be6±]

29...Be6 30.Rc1 b4

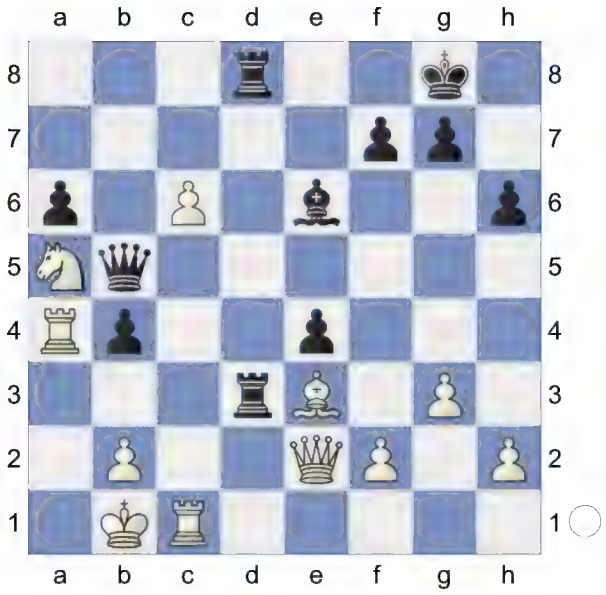


31.Ra4 h6 32.c6

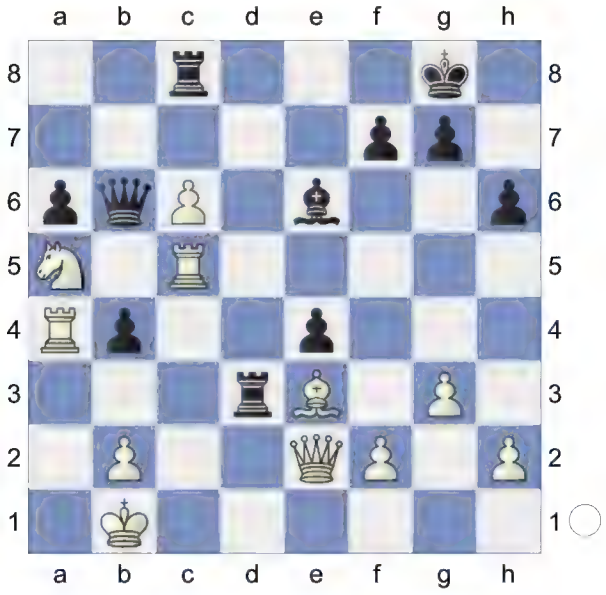
[32.Rxb4? Qa2+ 33.Kc2 Qxa5-+]

32...Qb5

(Diagram)



33.Ra1 Rc8 34.Rc5 Qb8 35.Ra4 Qb6



36.Qe1 b3 37.Rc1 Qb5 38.Qb4
[38.Rxe4? Bf5 39.Bc5 Bxe4 *(39...Rd5? 40.Nxb3 Re5* Pin *41.Qd1-+)* 40.Qxe4 Qxa5-+]
38...Qh5 39.Ra3
[39.Qxe4 Bf5∓]
39...Rd1 40.Nxb3
[40.Qxe4? Bf5-+]
40...Rxc6

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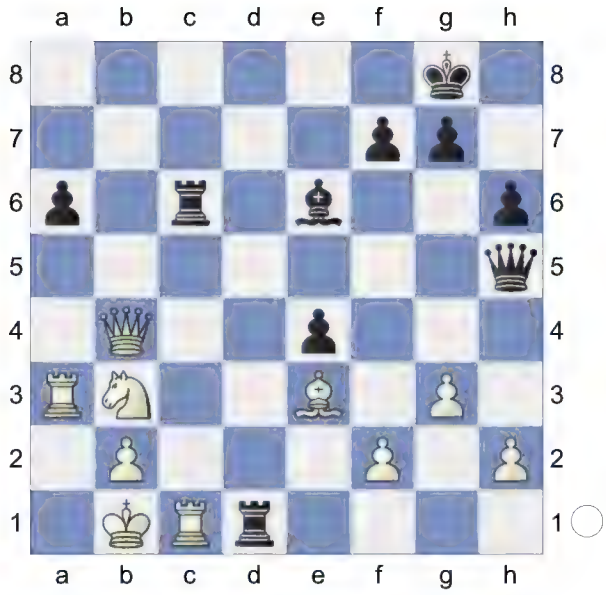
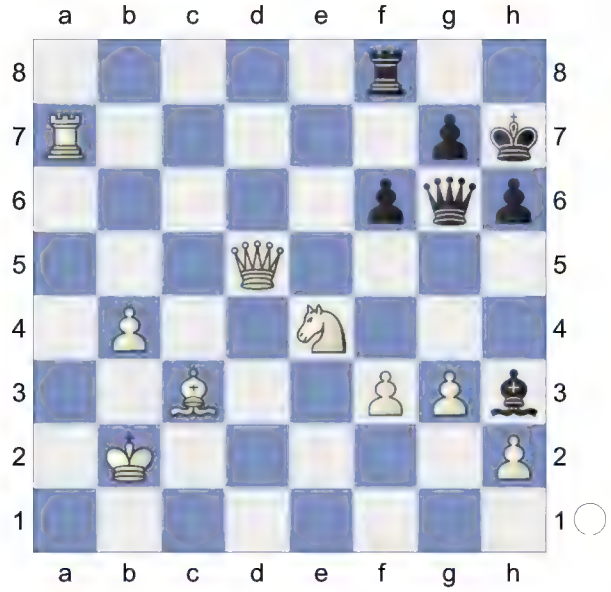


41.Nc5
[41.Qxe4? too greedy. Bf5-+]
41...Rxc1+ 42.Kxc1 Bg4 43.b3
[Weaker is 43.Qxe4 Rxc5+ 44.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 45.Rc3 Qg5+ 46.Qf4 Qh5+-]
[43.Rxa6 Qd5 44.Bd4 *(44.Qd4 Rxc5+ 45.Kb1 Qxd4=)* 44...Rxa6 45.Nxa6 e3 46.fxe3 *(46.Bxe3? Qd1#)* 46...Qh1+ 47.Kd2 Qd1+ 48.Kc3 Qe1+ 49.Kb3 Qd1+ 50.Kc3 Qe1+ 51.Kb3 Qd1+ 52.Kc3=]
43...Qg6 44.Kb2 Kh7 45.Ra4 Bh3

46.Qxe4 Bf5 47.Qe5 a5 48.Rxa5 Qg4

49.Bd4 f6 50.Qd5 Rc8

51.f3 Qg6 52.Ne4 Bh3 53.Bc3 Rf8 54.b4 Bc8 55.Ra7 Bh3



56.g4 Kh8 57.Ra8 Rxa8 58.Qxa8+ Kh7 59.Qb7 Kg8 60.Qb8+ Kh7

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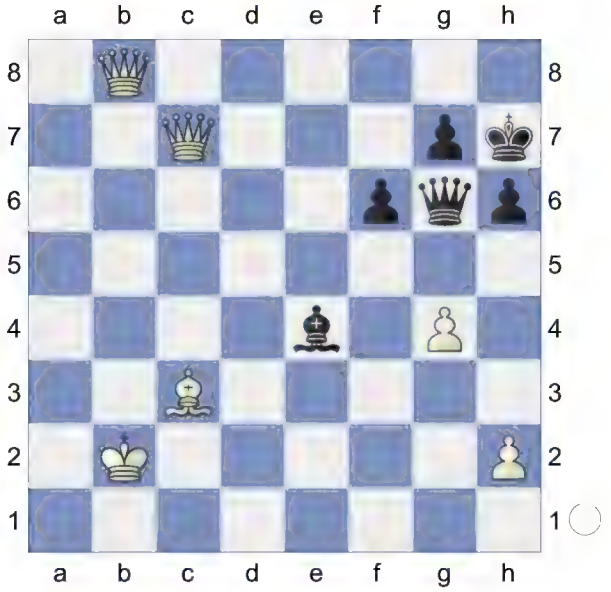
61.Qc7 Kh8 62.b5 Bg2 63.b6
White mates. **63...Bxf3 64.b7 Bxe4 65.b8Q+ Kh7**



66.Qf8 Qg5 67.Qxf6 Qb5+ 68.Ka3 Qc5+ 69.Qxc5 gxf6 70.Qe7+ Kg8

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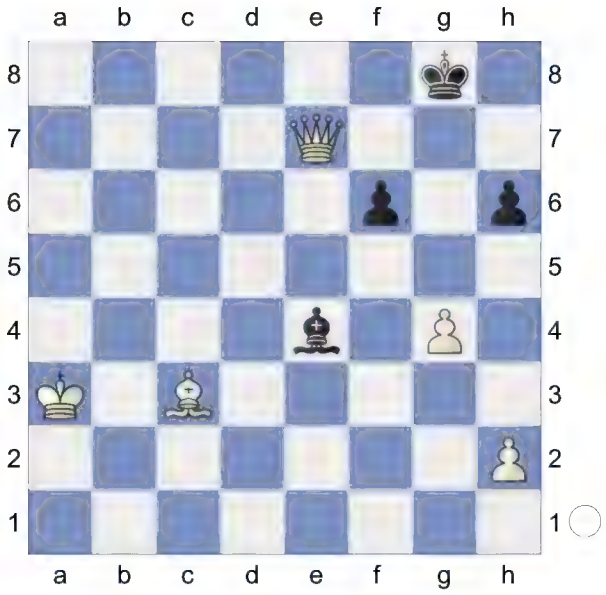
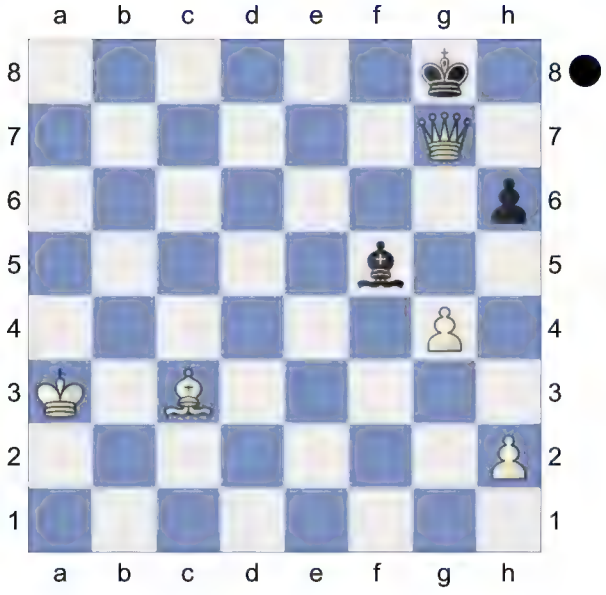


71.Qxf6 Bf5 Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
72.Qg7#



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36 **C70**
□ **ToromBot** **2963**
■ **expositor** **2723**
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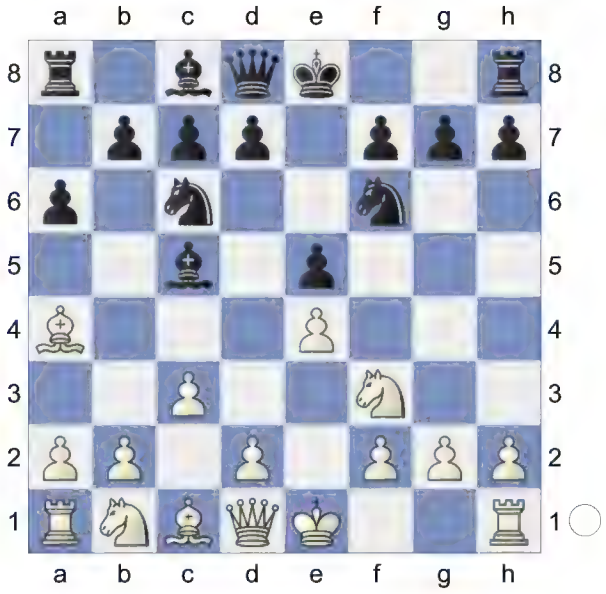
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
Pagni: 'From an article in Italian sent to me by Pagni. 2nd national corr tournament 1900. Original source: Rivista Schachistica Itialiano 2:173-174, 1901' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6**



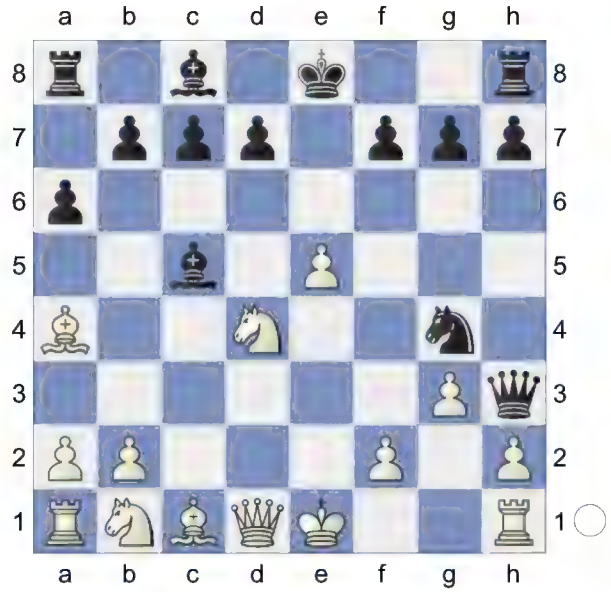
6.d4 exd4
[6...Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 20.Nc3 Rxb2 21.Rab1 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]
7.e5 Ng4N 1.26/18
[⌓7...Ne4 0.78/18 8.0-0 b5 9.Bc2 Nxf2 10.Rxf2 dxc3 11.Nxc3 d6 12.Qd5 Bb7 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.Re1

Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 0-0 16.Qd3 f5 17.e6 Qe8 18.e7 Rf7 19.Nd5 Rc8 20.Bb3 Na5 21.Nxc7 Rxc7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 1-0 (34) Rosselli Del Turco,S-Guglielmetti,A 2nd Italian corr tournament 1900]

8.cxd4± White is better.

[8.Nxd4? Qh4 *(8...Ngxe5 9.0-0∓)* 9.Qe2 Bxd4 *(9...Ngxe5? 10.Bxc6* Pin *Qe7 11.Be4+-; 9...Nxd4? 10.cxd4 Bxd4 11.g3-+; 9...Ncxe5 10.Bc2∓)* 10.cxd4 Nxd4-+]

8...Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qh4 10.g3! Qh3



11.Be3! Nxe5 12.Qe2 b5

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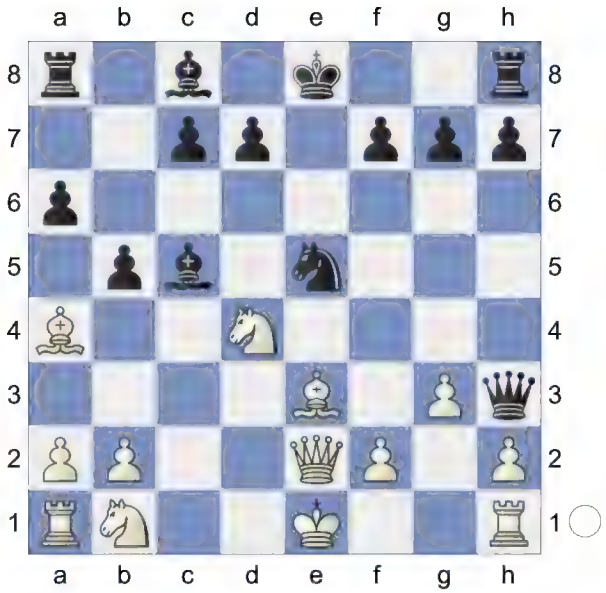
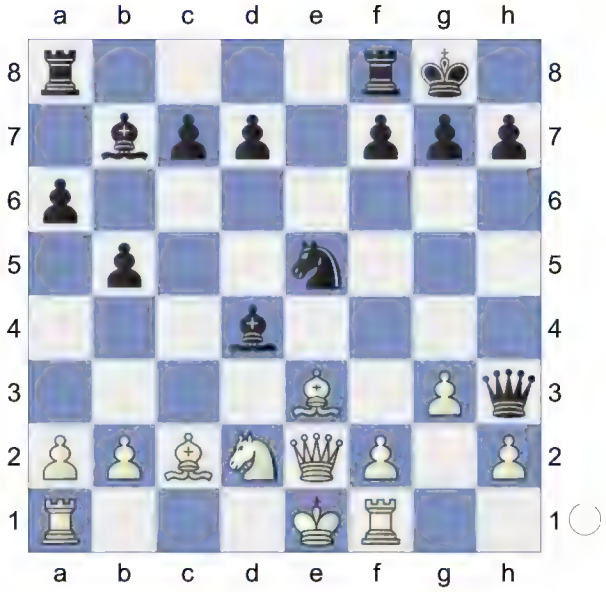


13.Bc2 and Nc3 would now be decisive **13...Bb7 14.Rf1 0-0** and ...Bxd4! would now be decisive **15.Nd2 Bxd4**



16.Bxd4 Nc6

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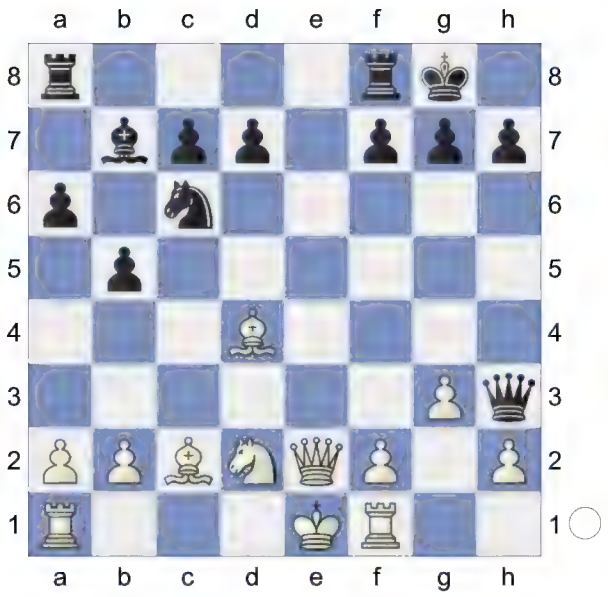
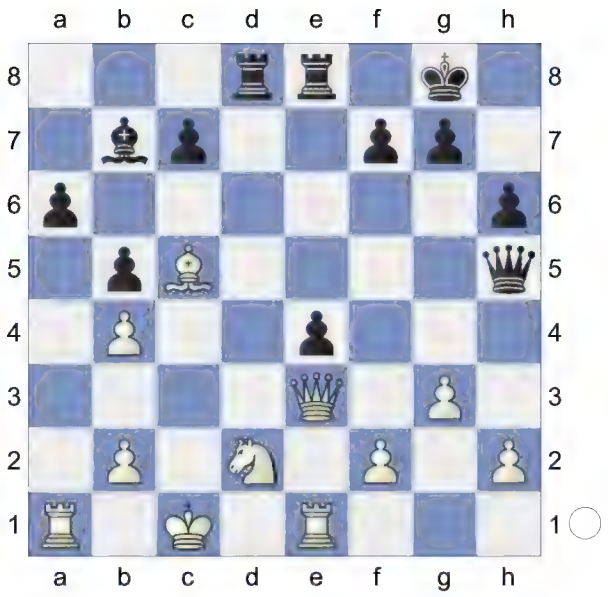
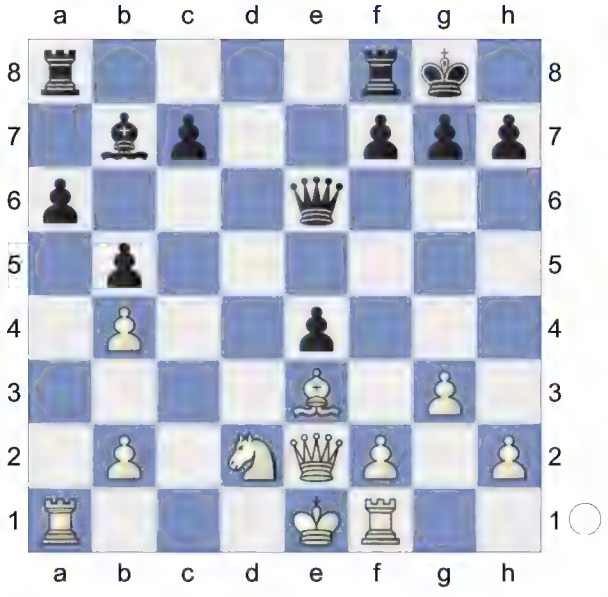


17.Be3 Nb4 18.Be4 d5 19.a3 dxe4 20.axb4 Qe6 1.96/18
[20...Rfd8± 1.58/17 was called for. 21.0-0-0 Re8]



26.h4 Bc8 27.Nb3
[27.Nxe4 f5∓]
27...Bb7
[27...Rd3 28.Qxd3 exd3 29.Rxe8+]
28.Ra3 Rd5 29.Qe2 Qg6 30.Rd1 e3



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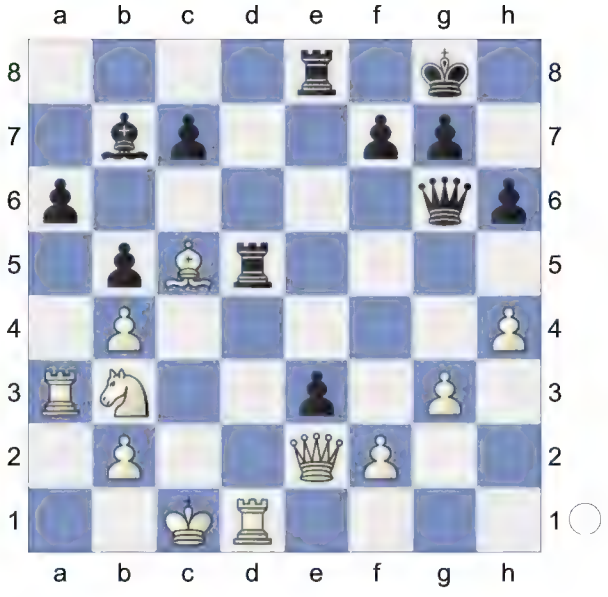
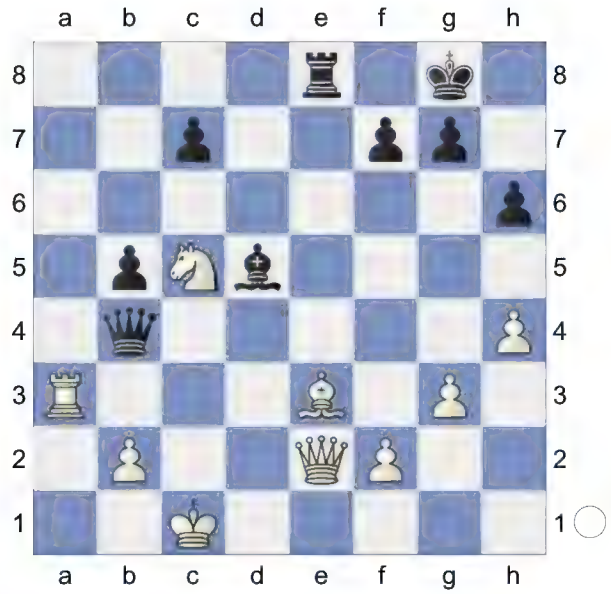
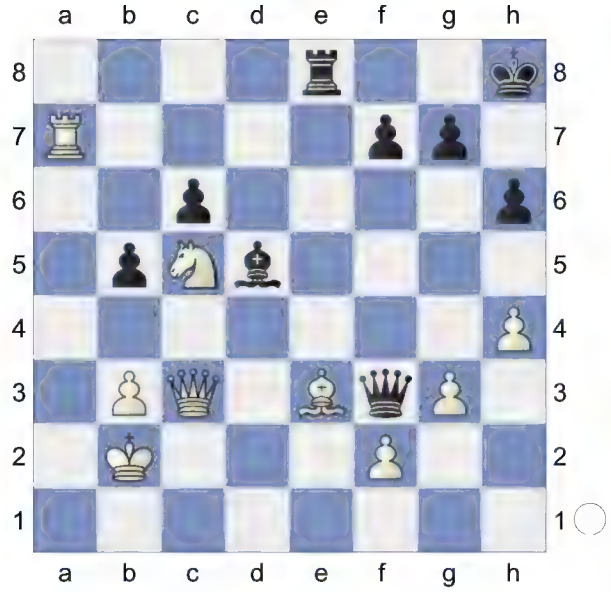


31.Rxd5
[31.fxe3 Rxd1+ 32.Qxd1 Qxg3±]
31...Bxd5 32.Bxe3
[32.fxe3 Qxg3 33.Nd2 Qxh4±]
32...Qe4 33.Nc5 Qxb4 34.Nxa6
[34.Rxa6 Qxc5+ 35.Bxc5 Rxe2∓]
34...Qe4 35.Nc5
[Don't play 35.Qxb5?! Qh1+ 36.Kd2

c6+-]
[35.Nxc7 Bc4 36.Qe1 Rd8=]
35...Qb4



36.Qc2 c6 37.Qc3 Qg4 38.Ra7 Qf3 39.b3 Kh7 40.Kb2 Kh8



41.Nd3
[Not 41.Bxh6 Qxc3+ 42.Kxc3 gxh6=]
41...Qe2+ 42.Qc2 Qf3 43.Nf4 b4 44.Qd3 Be4 45.Qe2 Qh1

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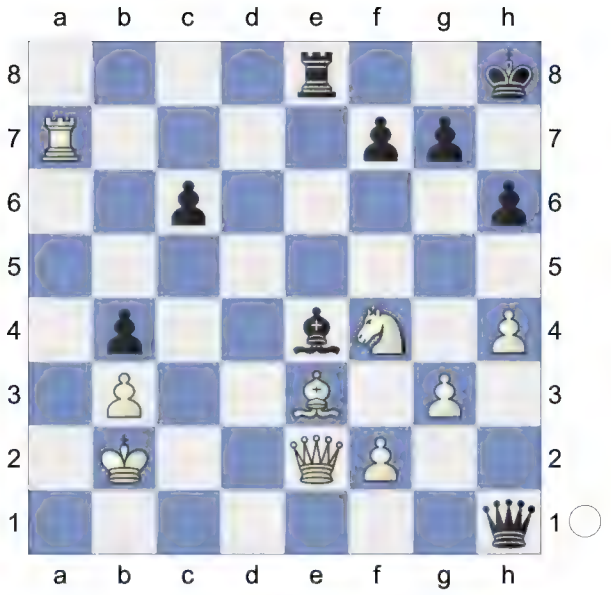
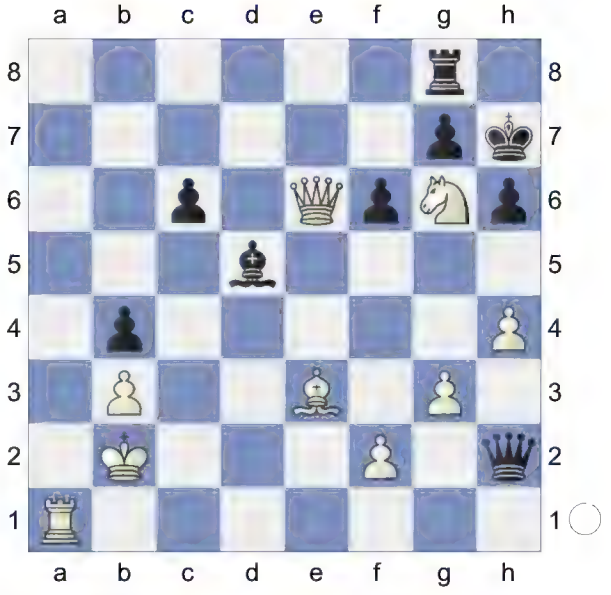


46.Ra1 Prevents Qb1+.
[46.Rxf7? Qb1#]
46...Qh2 5.61/16
[⌓46...Qf3 3.62/18 47.Qxf3 Bxf3]
47.Qc4 f6 48.Qf7 Rg8 49.Qe6 Bd5 50.Ng6+ White mates. **50...Kh7**



51.Qf5 Rd8 52.Nf8+ Kg8 53.Qh7+ Kxf8 54.Ra7 Rd7 55.Rxd7 Qxg3

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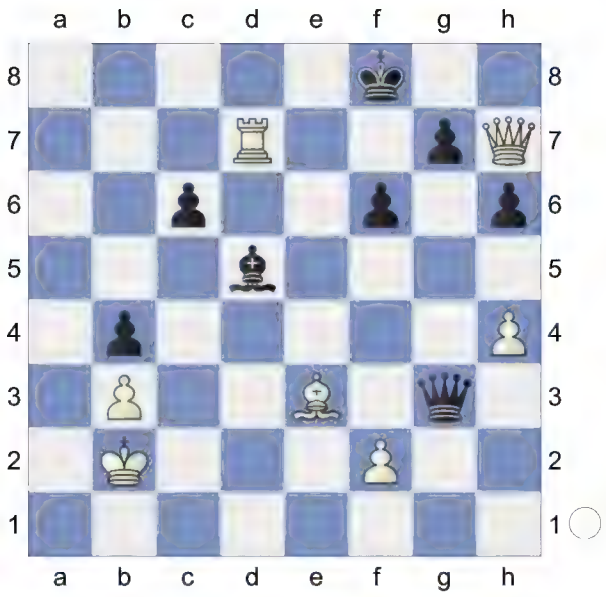
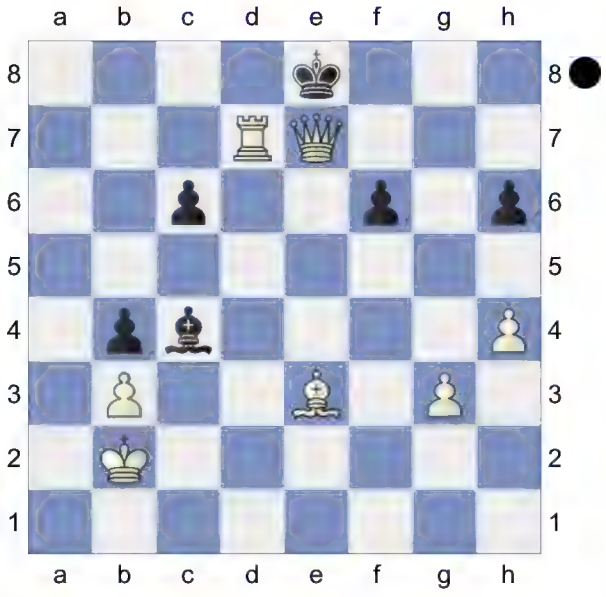


56.Qh8+ Bg8 57.fxg3 Ke8 58.Qxg7 Bc4 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise)
59.Qe7#



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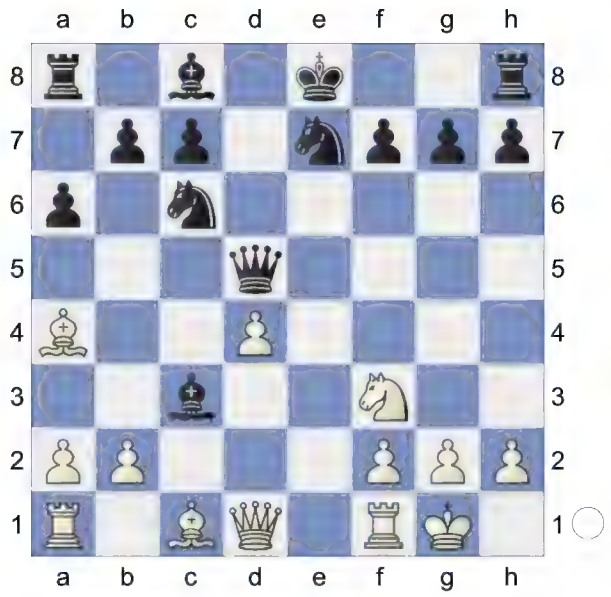
37 **C70**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2729**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2700**
Titled Tue 31st Jan Late blitz (8) 31.1.23
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 White is slightly better. **8...d5 9.0-0 Bxc3**
[9...dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0 11.h3 Bf5 12.Nc3 Bd6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.Be3 Na5 16.Bc2 Nc4 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Bc1 Qd7 19.Qd3 Nb6 20.a4 Ne7 21.Re1 Nbd5 22.Ne4 Rad8 23.Bd2 Qf5 24.Qb3 1-0 (80) Guido,F (2517)-Deschamps, Q (2631) Surabaya 1933 (4)]
10.exd5 0.34/18
[10.bxc3± 0.77/22 exd5 is the strong threat. dxe4 11.Ng5]
10...Qxd5±

(Diagram)



11.Bb3N

[11.bxc3 Bg4 12.Bxc6+ Qxc6

A) 13.Re1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 15.Ba3 *(15.d5 Qg6+ 16.Kh1 Qf5 17.c4 Rhe8 18.Rg1 Rad8 19.Be3 Kc8 20.Rxg7 Ng6* 6) 4.La4 mit mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-6B | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.exd5 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*)* 15...Rhe8 16.d5 Qg6+ 17.Kh1 Nf5 Line 3 5.c3 Nge7 6.d4-8.Nc3 2022;

B) 13.Ba3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 (15) Schnellstarter Kapitel-QS | 6B | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.e Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]

11...Qh5 12.bxc3 Bg4 13.Re1⇄ White has counterplay **13...0-0-0 14.Bd2 Nd5 15.Bc2 Rhe8**

(Diagram)

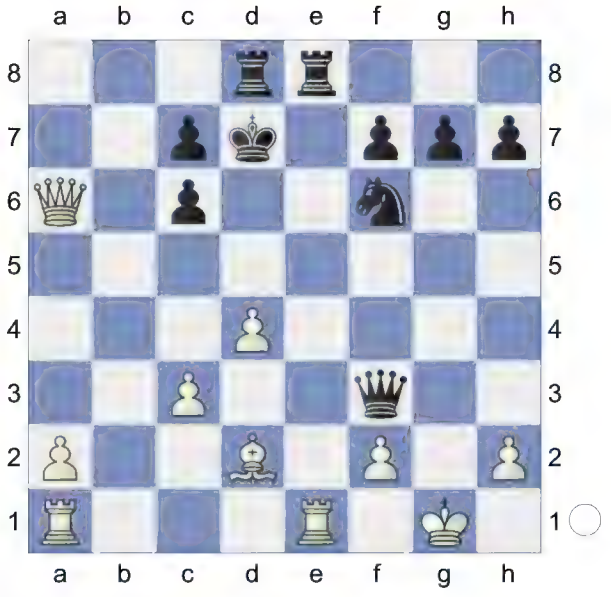
16.Be4 Nf6

[16...f5 simplifies 17.Bd3= *(17.Bxd5 Rxd5 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.h3 Bh5)*]

17.Bxc6 bxc6 This costs White the game. **18.Qa4?** -2.22/22

[White should try 18.Rxe8∓ -0.64/19 Rxe8 19.Rc1]

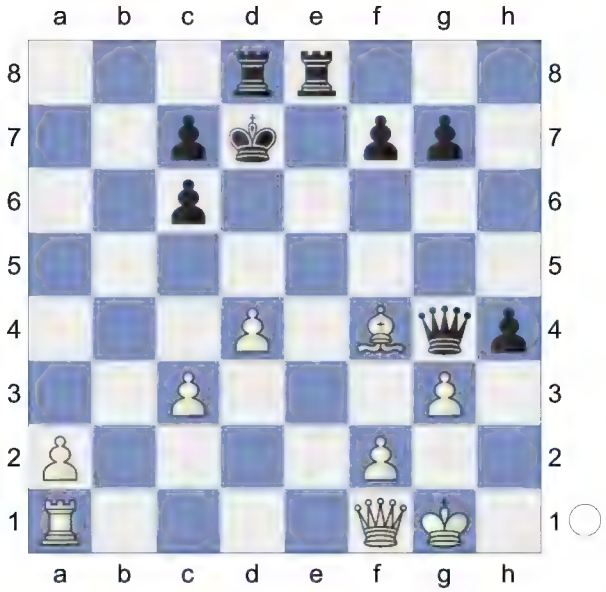
18...Bxf3-+ 19.Qxa6+ Kd7 20.gxf3 Qxf3



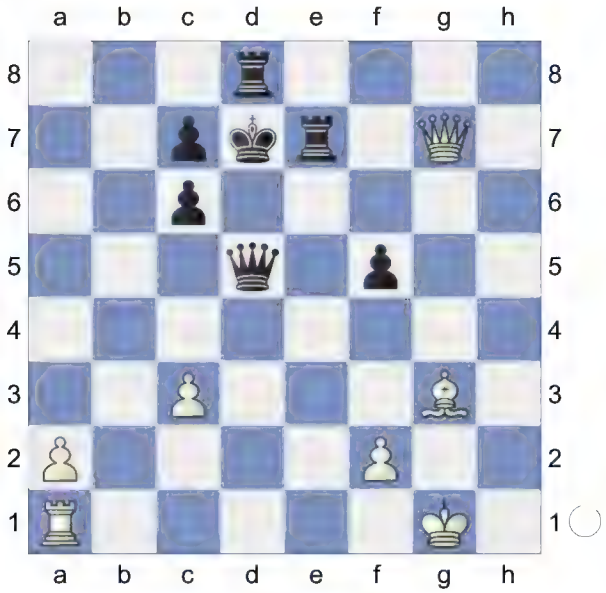
21.Qf1 -2.98/18

[21.d5 -1.98/18 might work better. Nxd5 *(21...Qxd5 22.Bf4∓; 21...Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Nxd5 23.a3∓)* 22.Qa4]

21...Ne4 22.Re3 Qg4+ 23.Rg3 Nxg3 24.hxg3 h5 25.Bf4 h4

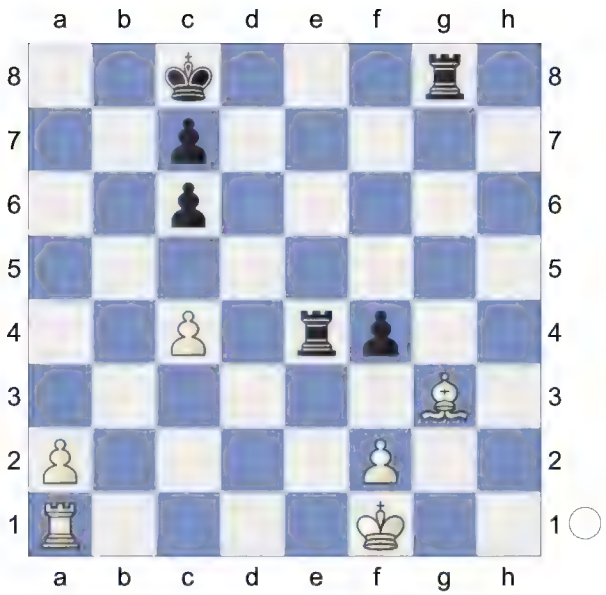


26.Qc4 hxg3 27.Bxg3 Qf3 28.d5 Qxd5 29.Qg4+ f5 30.Qxg7+ Re7

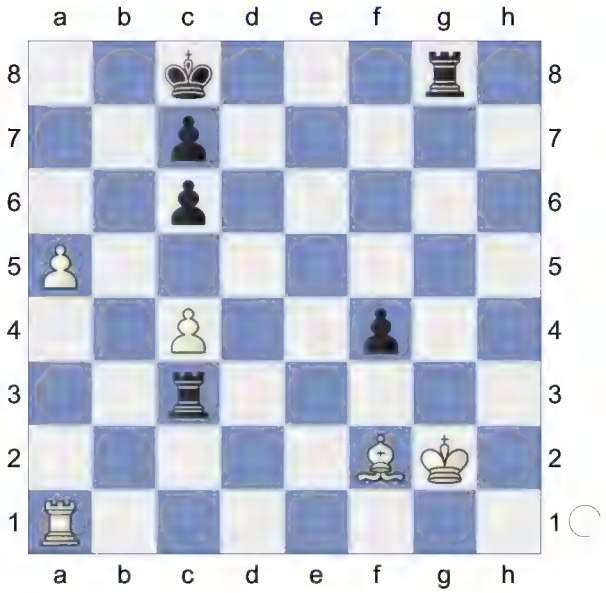


31.Qh6 Rg8 32.Qf4 Kc8 33.c4 Qe4 34.Qxe4 Rxe4 Endgame KRR-KRB **35.Kf1 f4**

(Diagram)

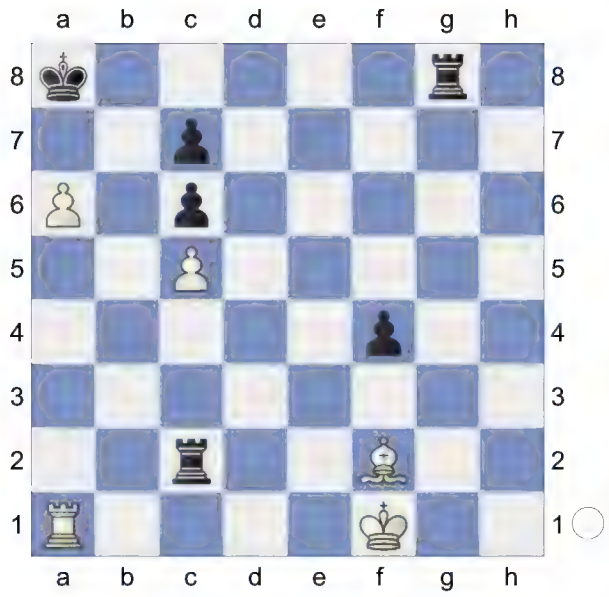


Black is clearly winning. **36.f3 Re3 37.Bf2 Rxf3 38.a4 Rh8** and ...Rh2 should not be overlooked **39.Kg2 Rc3 40.a5 Rg8+**



41.Kf1 Kb7 42.a6+ Ka8 43.c5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
43...Rc2

(Diagram)



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38 **C70**
□ **Seanser** **2917**
■ **ma_long_ma** **2692**
Blitz 07.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

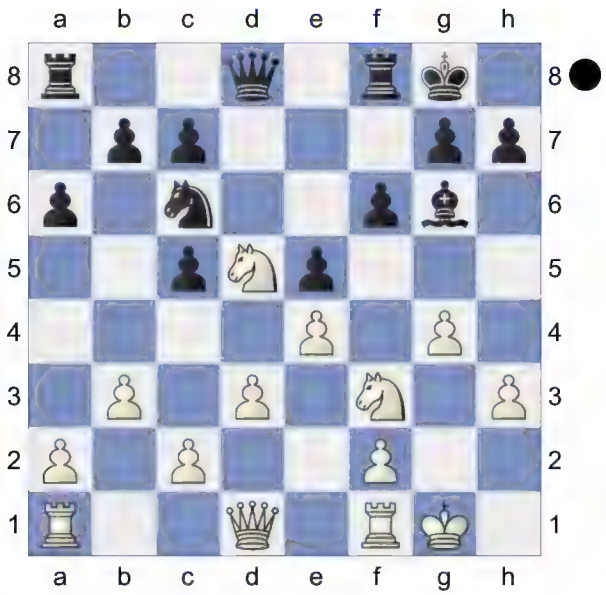
Blitz 3min
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.Nc3
[5.c3 Nf6 6.d4 *(6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nf1 h6 11.Bh4 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4 Bb6 14.bxa5 Bxa5 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.Ne3 Kh8 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.0-0 c6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 Rxb5* 1-0 (42) 13... ♖h7 and 17... ♖f7 189 (1831)-Ezat,A (1380) 145/(126) Douglas 2019 (2)) 6...Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]
5...Nge7N
[5...Nf6 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Bg5 c5 11.Qxc5 d6 12.Qd4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.0-0-0 Bb7 15.f3 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 a5 19.Rhd1 a4 20.Nd5 1-0 (51) Kunze,J-Wolf,S Sachsen-ch U10 2004 (7)]

6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.Be3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 The position is equal.
10...Bg6

(Diagram)

11.Bxc6 Nxc6 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.b3 f6 14.Nd5 -1.52/19

[14.Ne2= -0.12/19]

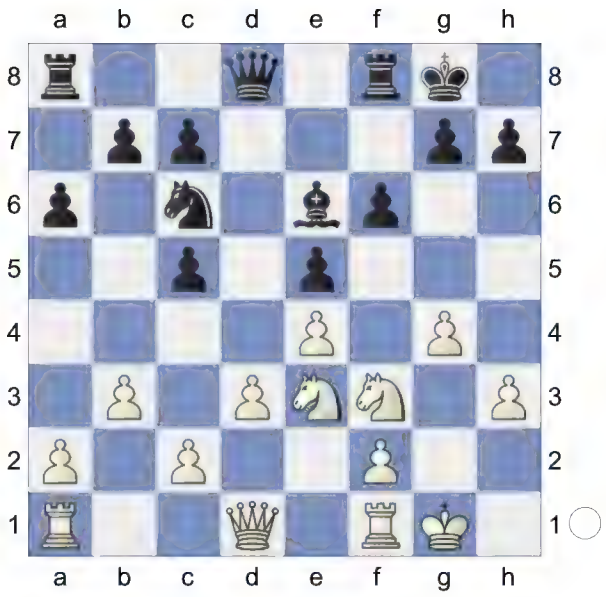


14...Bf7 -0.31/18

[14...f5!∓ -1.52/19 15.Nd2 *(15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Kh2 Be6∓)* 15...Nd4 16.exf5 Bxf5 *(16...Qxd5 17.fxg6 hxg6 18.f3∓)*]

15.Ne3∓ Be6

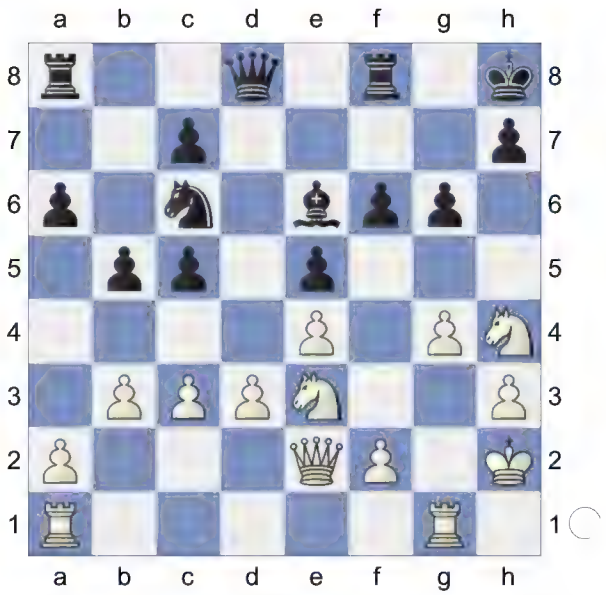
(Diagram)



16.Kh2 b5 17.Rg1 Nd4 18.Nh4 g6 -0.18/18

[18...a5∓ -0.55/17]

19.c3= Nc6 20.Qe2 Kh8

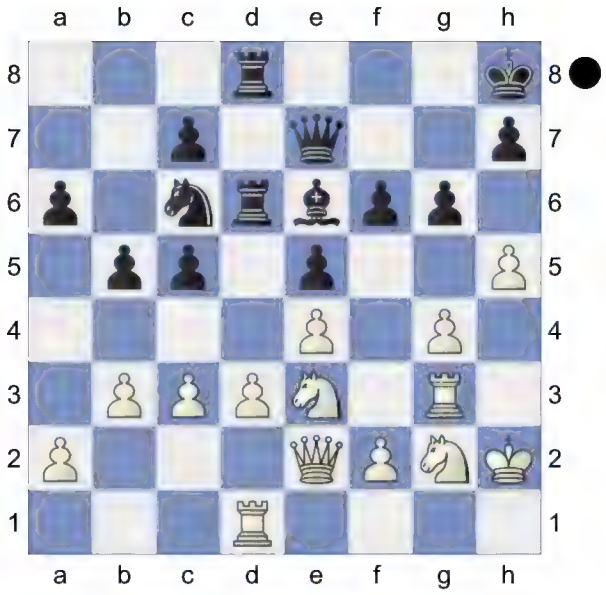


21.Rad1 -0.93/18

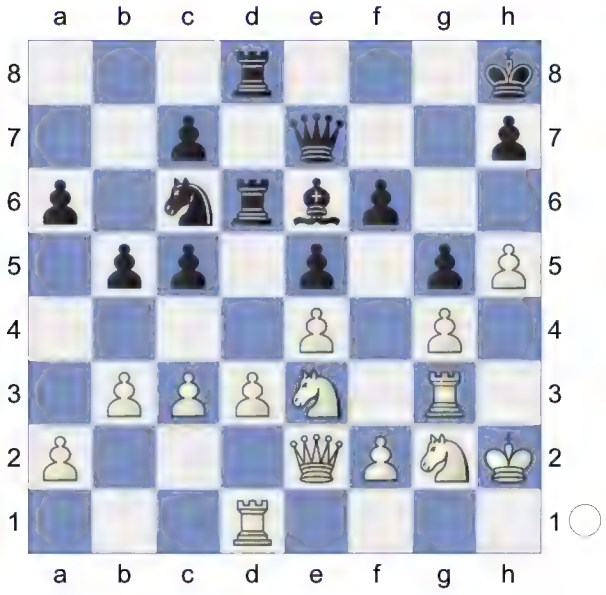
[21.Nf3∓ -0.50/16]

21...Qe7 22.Rg3 Rad8 23.Nhg2 Rd6 24.h4 Rfd8 25.h5

(Diagram)

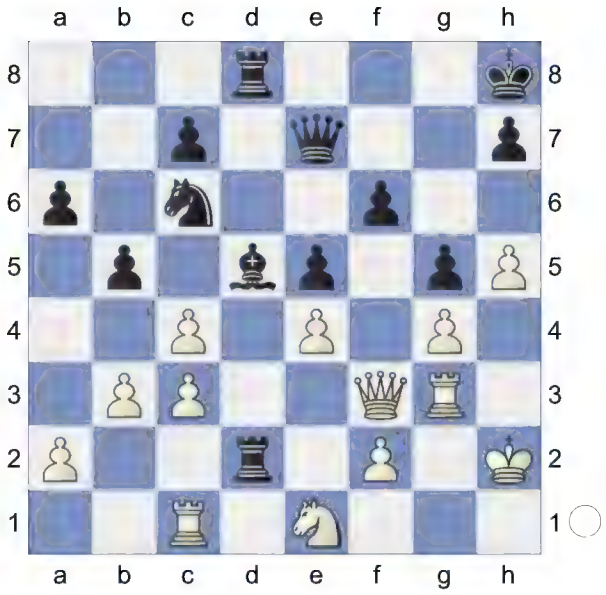


Black must now prevent hxg6. **25...g5**

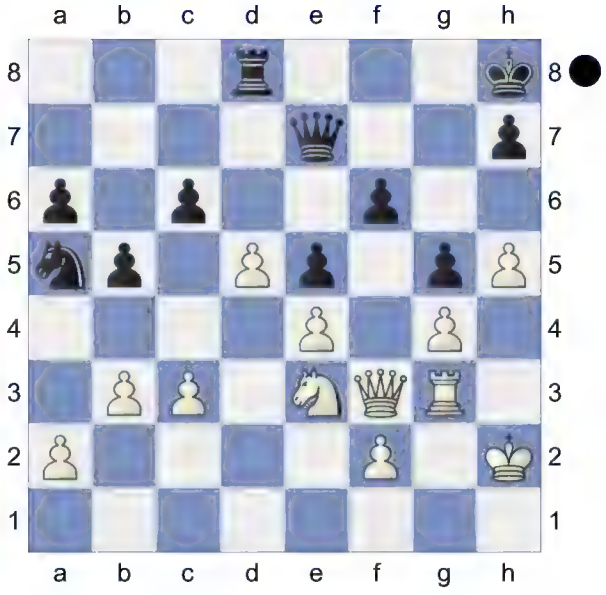


26.Ne1 Qd7 27.Rc1 c4 0.63/21
[27...a5∓ -0.37/16]
28.dxc4± Rd2 29.Qf3 Qe7 30.Nd5
This move loses the game for Black.
30...Bxd5 4.00/22
[30...Qf7± 1.16/19]

(Diagram)



31.cxd5+- Na5 32.Rc2 Rxc2 33.Nxc2 c6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.40
34.Ne3



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39 **C70**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,M** **2736**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2692**
Esports World Cup B 2025 blitz (52.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Re1 d6

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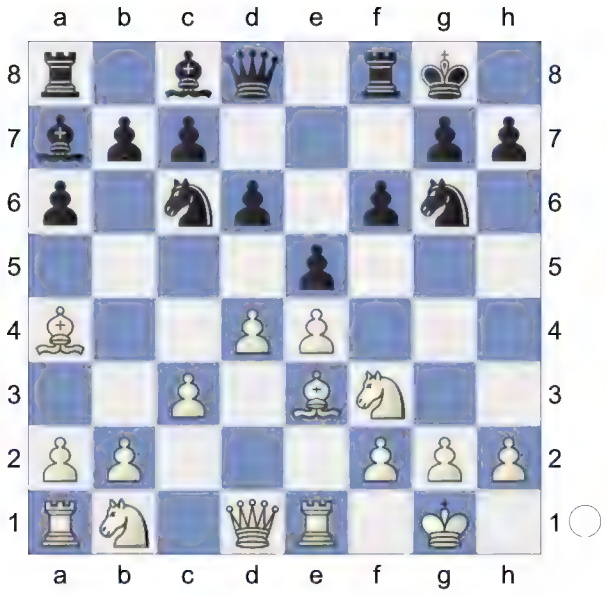
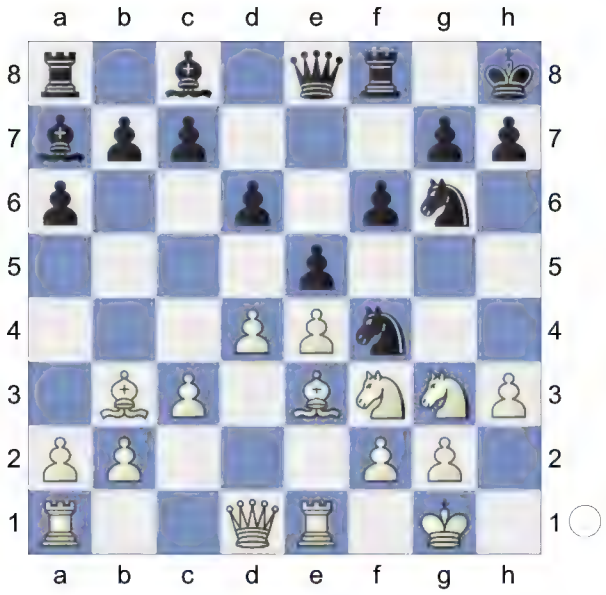
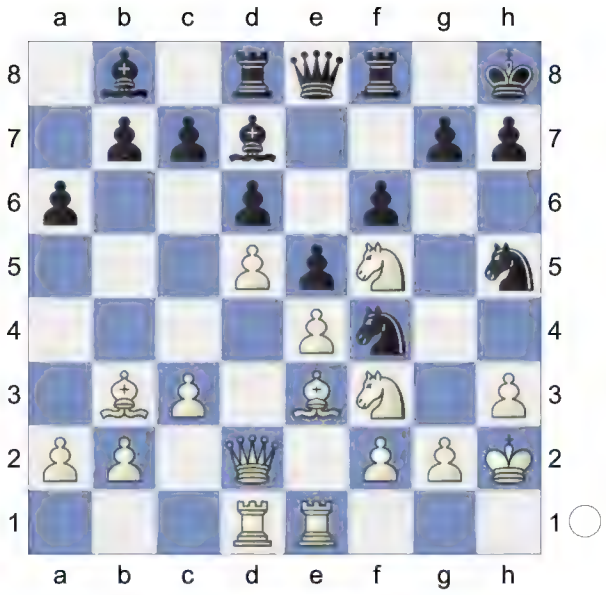


11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.Bb3
[12.Bc2 Bd7 13.Nf1 Bg4 14.d5 Nce7 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.Ne3 Bd7 Khanin,S (2506)-Chigaev,M (2631) 147/(112) Barnaul 2021]
12...Qe8N
[12...a5 13.h3 f5 14.Ng5 *(14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Ng5 d5 16.Qh5 h6 17.g4 Bd3 18.Ne6 Qd6 19.Nxg7 Nf4 20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Ne8 Qf8 22.Nxc7 Rxf2 23.Nxa8 Qf4 24.Qe8+ Kh7* (25) 12) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.O-O-12 | 6.O-O: 8.Lg5 Nebenvarian Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch *)* 14...f4 15.Nxh7 fxe3 16.fxe3 Qh4 17.Nxf8 Nxf8 (18) 12) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.O-O-12 | 6.O-O: 8.Lg5 Nebenvarian Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]
[12...Nce7 13.Nf1 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 f5 16.exf5 Nxf5 17.Qxb7 exd4 18.cxd4 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Nxd4 20.Qd5 c5 21.Ne3 Nf4 22.Qe4 Qh4 23.Rf1 Nxh3+ 0-1 Pinheiro Diamant,J (1892)-Sevastianov,A (2161) Vaxjo op 2025 (3)]
13.h3 Nd8 14.Nf1 Ne6 15.Ng3 Nef4

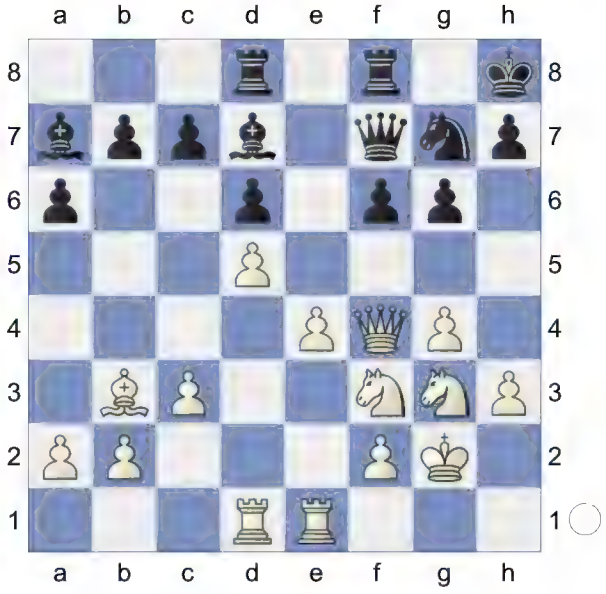


16.Qd2 Bd7 17.Nf5 0.34/18
[17.h4± 0.84/20]
17...Rd8 0.85/20
[17...d5± 0.34/18]
18.Rad1 0.25/18
[18.Qc2± 0.85/20]
18...Bb8 0.72/21
[18...d5!= 0.25/18 deserves consideration. 19.dxe5 fxe5 *(19...dxe4 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Nxg7=)*]
19.d5
[19.g3!? Nxh3+ 20.Kg2±]
19...Nh5 1.41/23
[19...c6!± 0.57/20]
20.Kh2± White has more active pieces.
20...Ngf4 2.19/19
[20...c5± 1.39/21]

(Diagram)



21.g4!+- g6 22.Ng3 Ng7 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Qxf4 Ba7 25.Kg2 Qf7



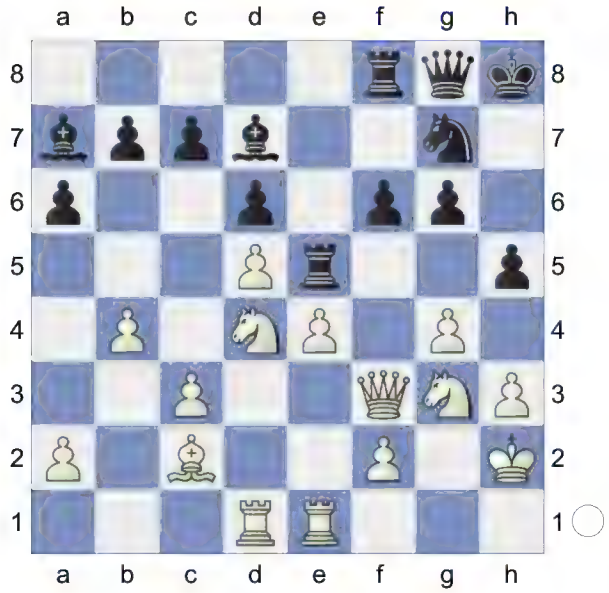
26.Nd4 Rde8 27.Bc2 0.89/16
[27.Nf3+- 1.81/20 and White stays clearly on top.]
27...Qg8 2.16/19
[27...Bxd4± 0.89/16 28.cxd4 *(28.Rxd4 f5±)* 28...f5]
28.Qf3? 0.46/23
[28.Nf3+- 2.16/19]
28...Re7 1.77/20
[28...Bxd4!± 0.46/23 29.cxd4 f5]
29.b4 0.73/26

[29.Qd3+- 1.77/20]

29...Re5 1.63/22

[29...Bxd4± 0.73/26 was necessary. 30.cxd4 f5]

30.Kh2 h5



31.gxh5 0.58/25

[31.Kg2+- 1.62/19]

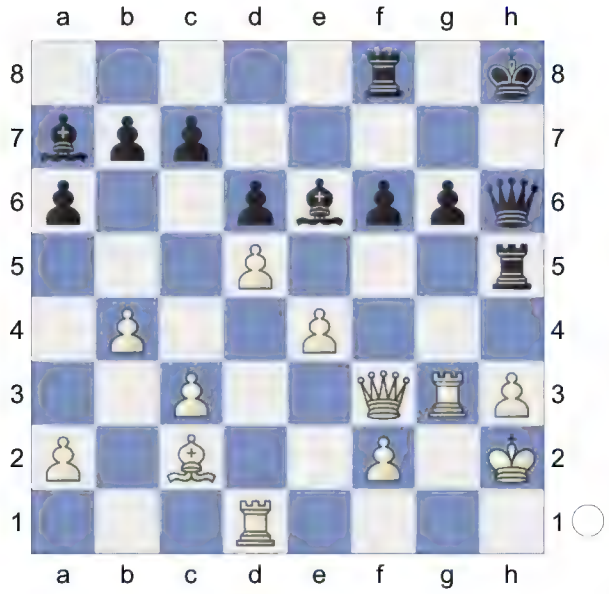
31...Nxh5± 32.Rg1 Qh7 33.Nxh5

[33.Ne6 Ng7=]

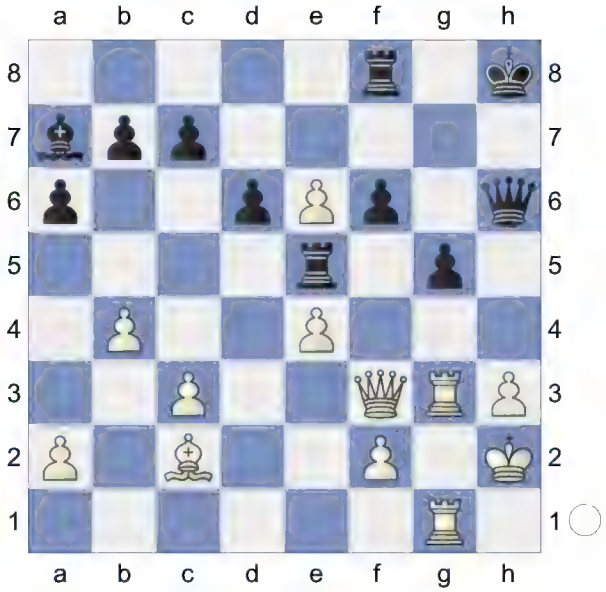
33...Rxh5 34.Rg3 Qh6? 3.40/22

[34...Bxd4± 0.93/20 35.Rxd4 *(35.cxd4 f5=)* 35...b5]

35.Ne6!+- Bxe6



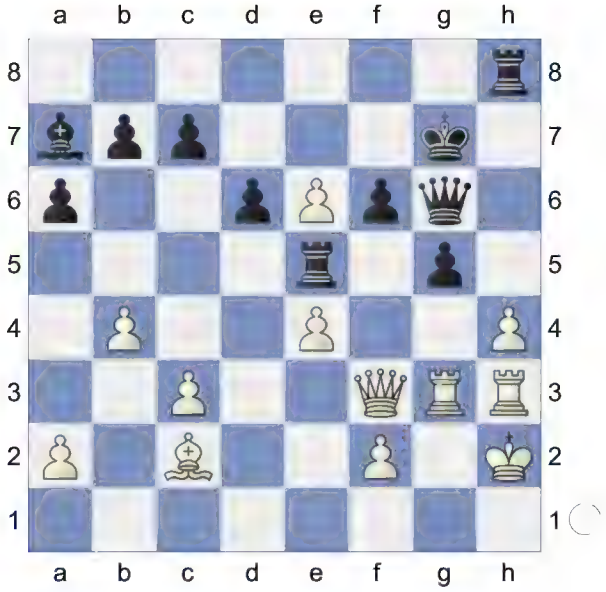
36.dxe6 Re5 37.Rdg1 g5



38.h4! Kg7

[38...Rg8 39.Bb3]

39.Rh3 Rh8 40.Rgg3 Qg6



41.Kg2 Kf8 42.hxg5? 1.03/18

[42.Qg4+- 3.57/22]

42...Rxh3± 43.Rxh3

[43.Kxh3 Rxg5 44.Rxg5 Qxg5±]

43...Rxg5+

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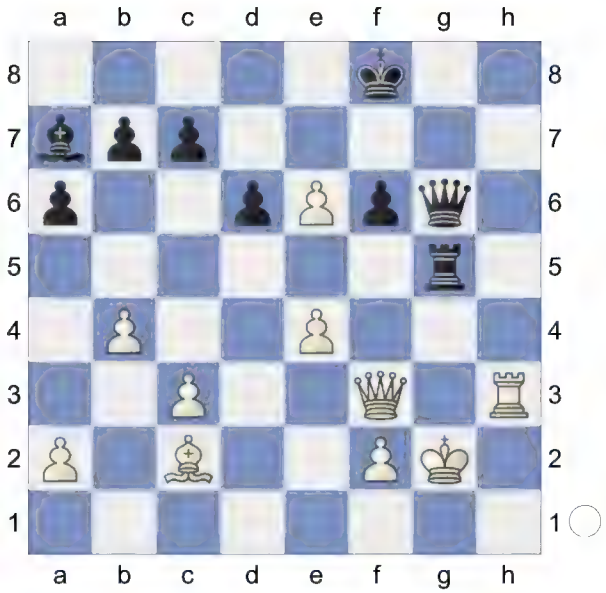
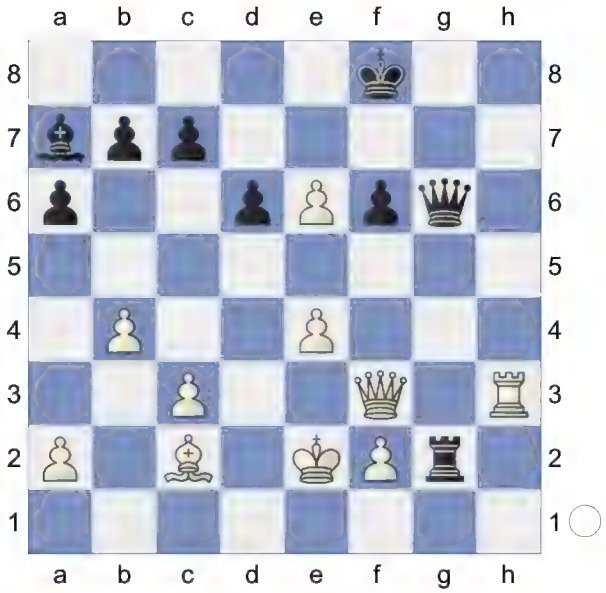
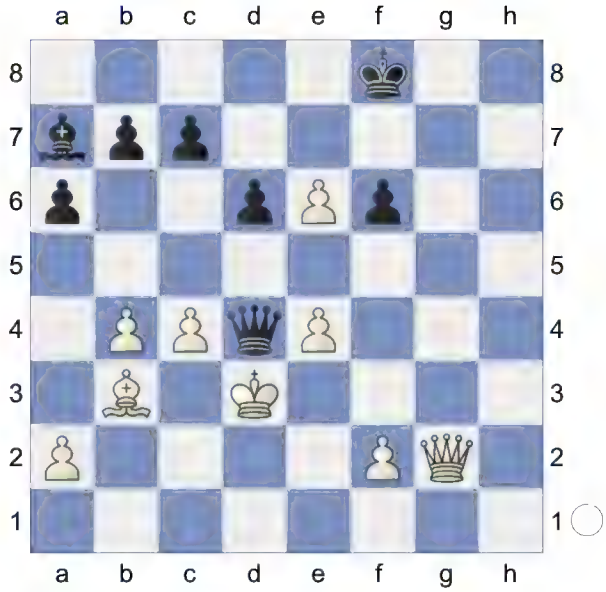


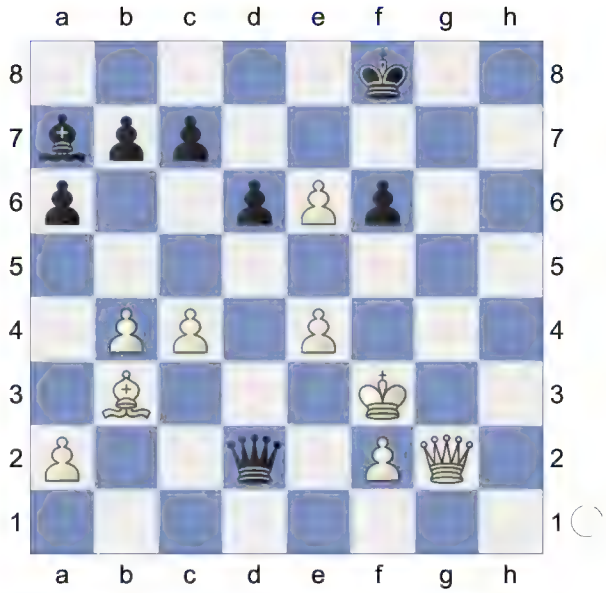
Black is weak on the light squares
44.Kf1 0.15/19
[White should try 44.Kh2!± 1.05/25 aiming for e5!. Re5 45.Rh8+ Ke7 46.Rh4]
44...Rg1+!= 45.Ke2 Rg2!



46.Rh6 Deflection. Really sharp!
46...Qxh6 47.Qxg2 Endgame KQB-KQB. White is a pawn up. **47...Qh5+!**
48.Kd3 Qb5+ 49.c4
[49.Kd2 simplifies Qg5+ 50.Qxg5 fxg5 51.Ke2]
49...Qe5 50.Bb3↑ White has some pressure. **50...Qd4+**

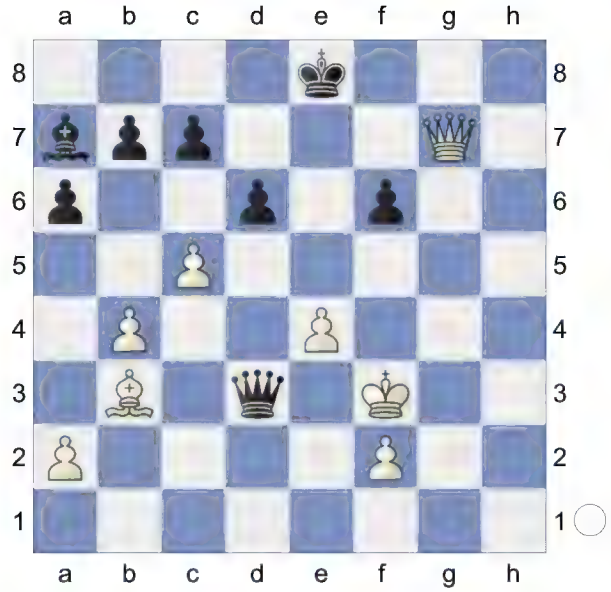


51.Ke2 Qb2+ 52.Kf3 Qd2 0.87/19
[52...Qc3+= 0.00/20 53.Kg4 Qe5]

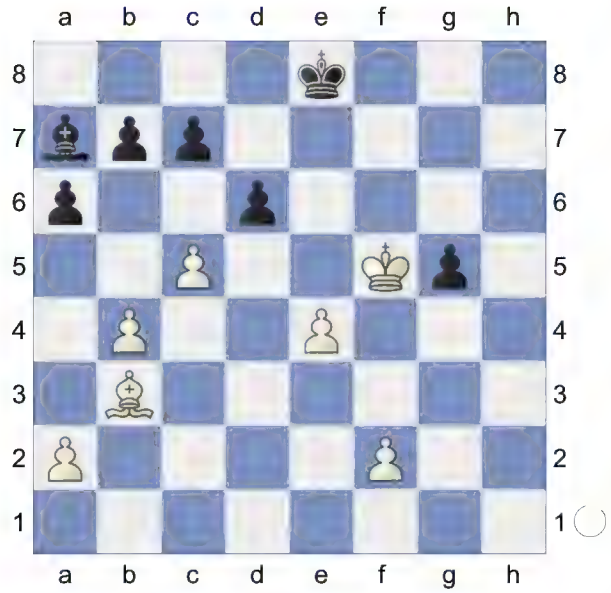


53.e7+!± Decoy **53...Kxe7 54.Qg7+ Ke8 55.c5!**
[Inferior is 55.Qxc7 Qxf2+ 56.Kg4 Qg2+ 57.Kf4 Qg5+ 58.Kf3 Qe3+ 59.Kg4 Qxe4+ 60.Kh5 Qf5+ 61.Kh6 Be3+ 62.Kg7 Qg4+ 63.Kh8 Qh3+ 64.Kg7 Qg2+ 65.Kh7 Qe4+ 66.Kh8 Qh4+ 67.Qh7 Qxh7+ 68.Kxh7 Ke7∓]

55...Qd3+



56.Kf4 Qd2+ 57.Kf5 White threatens Ke6 and mate. **57...Qg5+ 58.Qxg5 fxg5**



59.Kxg5 0.58/20
[59.f3!+- 1.92/24]
59...dxc5? 4.46/19
[59...a5!± 0.58/20]
60.bxc5+- Bxc5

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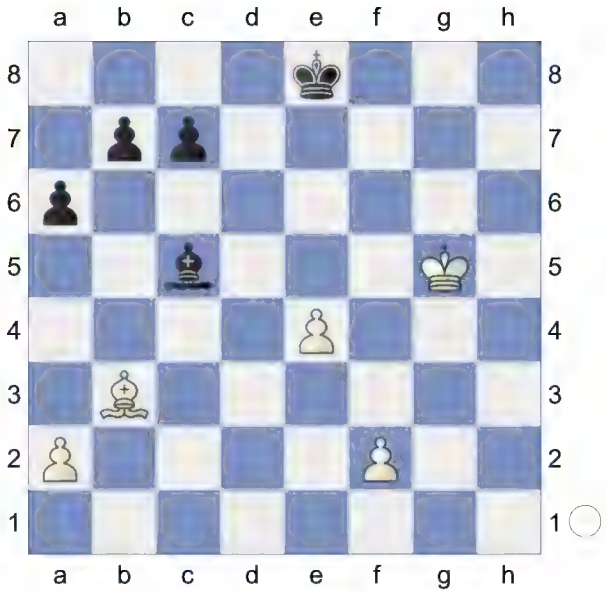
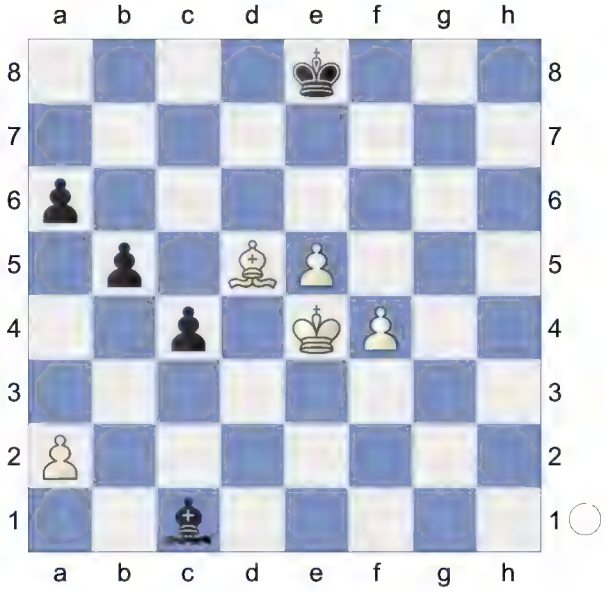
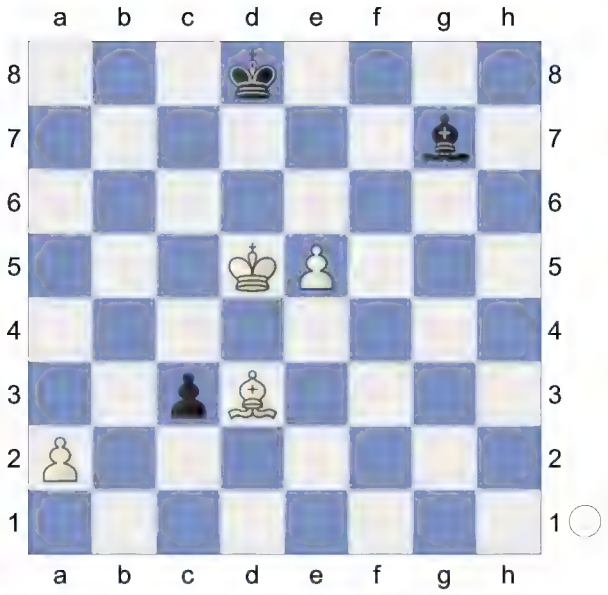


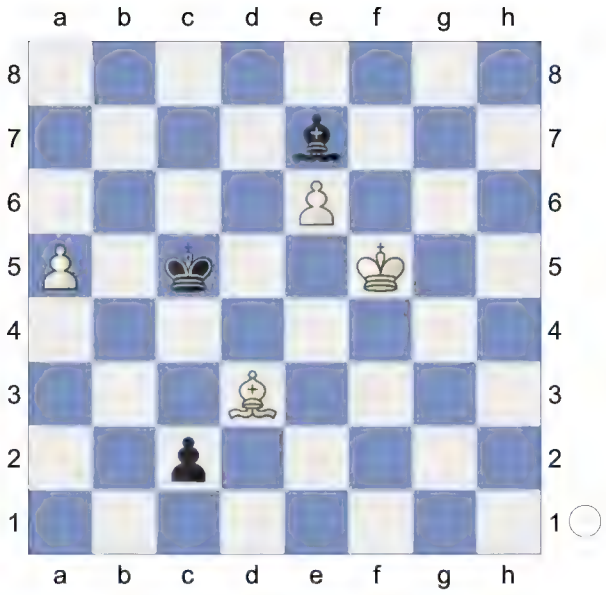
KB-KB **61.f4 b5 62.e5 Be3 63.Kf5 c5 64.Ke4 Bc1 65.Bd5 c4**



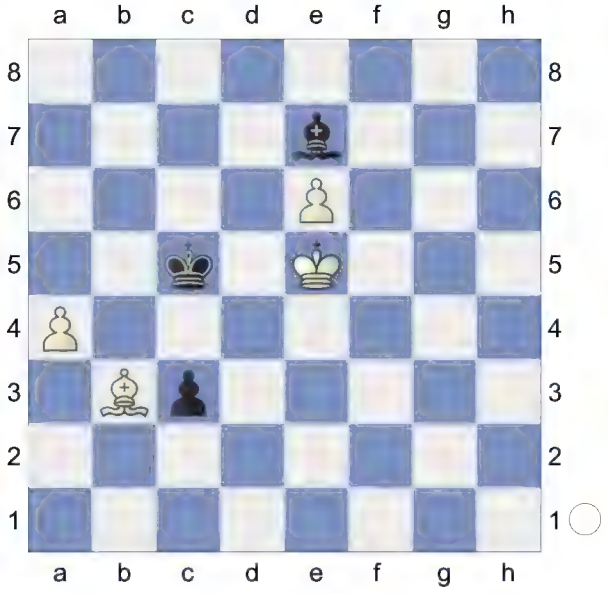
66.Bb7? 0.03/20
[66.f5+- 5.45/21 c3 67.f6]
66...c3!= The position is equal. **67.Bxa6 Bxf4** Promotion **68.Bxb5+**
[68.Kxf4 c2 69.Bxb5+ Ke7-+]
68...Kd8 ...c2 is the strong threat.
69.Bd3
[69.Kxf4? loses. c2 70.Ke4 c1Q-+ *(70...c1B 71.a4±)*]
69...Bh6 70.Kd5 Bg7
(Diagram)



71.a4 Kc7 72.e6 Bf6 73.Bc2 Be7 74.Ke5 Kc6 75.Bb3 Kc5



Deflection **81.Bxc2 Kb5 82.Kg6 Kxa5 83.Kf7 Bd6 84.Bf5 Kb6 85.Ke8 Kc5**



76.Bd1 Kc4 77.Bc2 Kc5! 78.Kf5 Kd5 79.a5 Kc5 80.Bd3 c2

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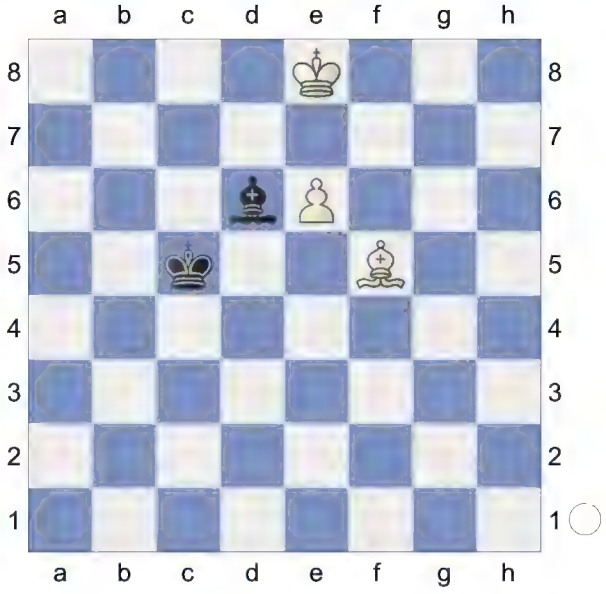

86.Kd7 Kd5 87.Be4+ Deflection **87...Ke5 88.Bc6 Bc5 89.Bb7 Kf6 90.Bg2 Be7**

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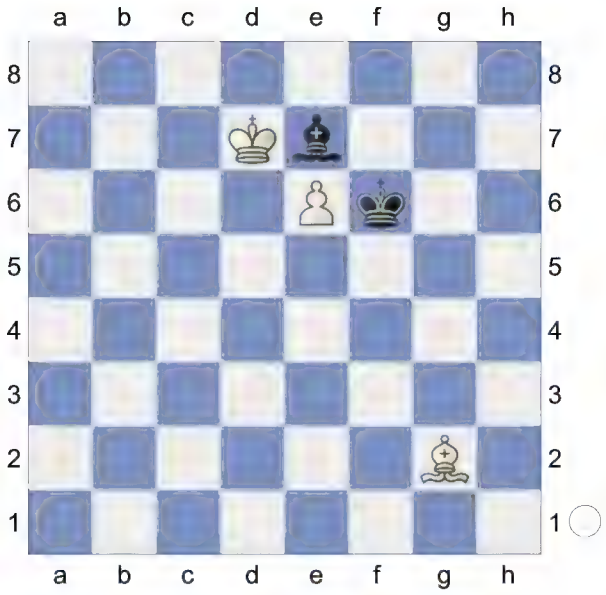
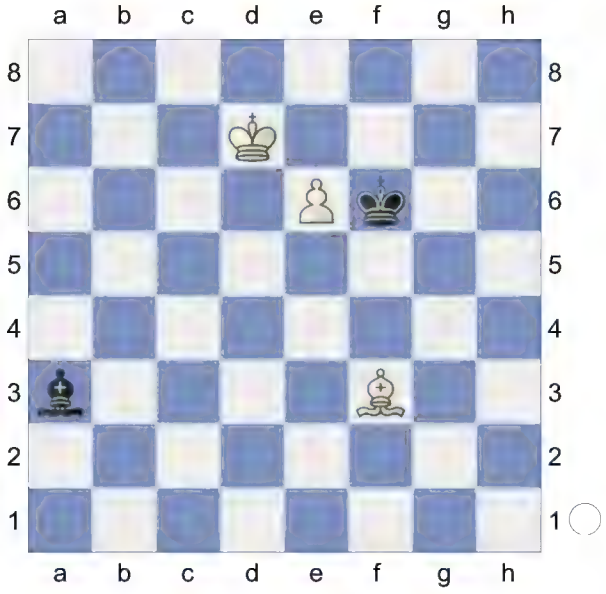
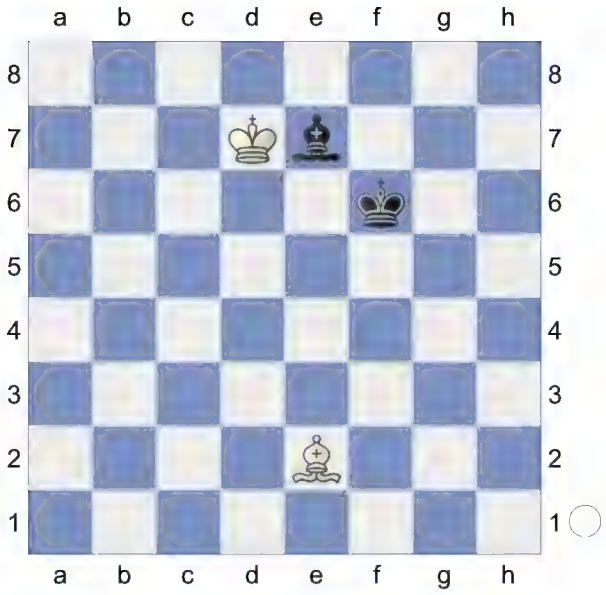


91.Bh1 Bf8 92.Bd5 Be7 93.Bb7
[93.Ba2!?]
93...Ba3 94.Bc6 Be7 95.Bf3 Ba3



96.Bg2 Be7 97.Bh3 Ba3 98.Bf1 Be7 99.Be2 Ba3 100.e7 Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)
100...Bxe7

(Diagram)

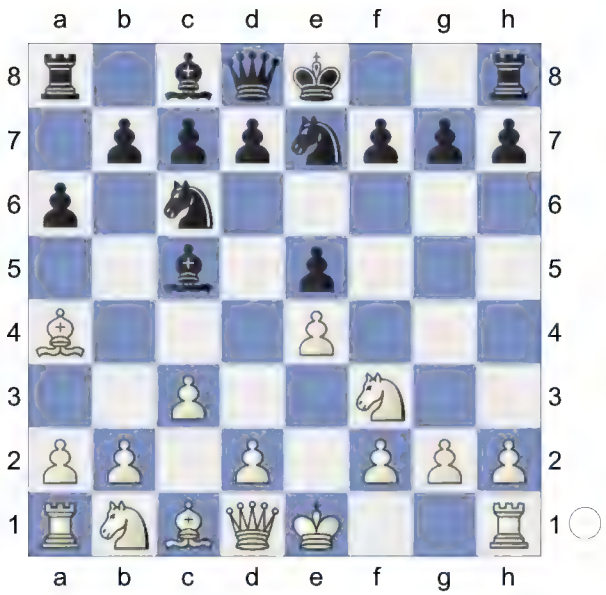


½-½

40 **C70**
□ **rosagasa** **2897**
■ **ViktorMMs** **2690**
Blitz 01.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

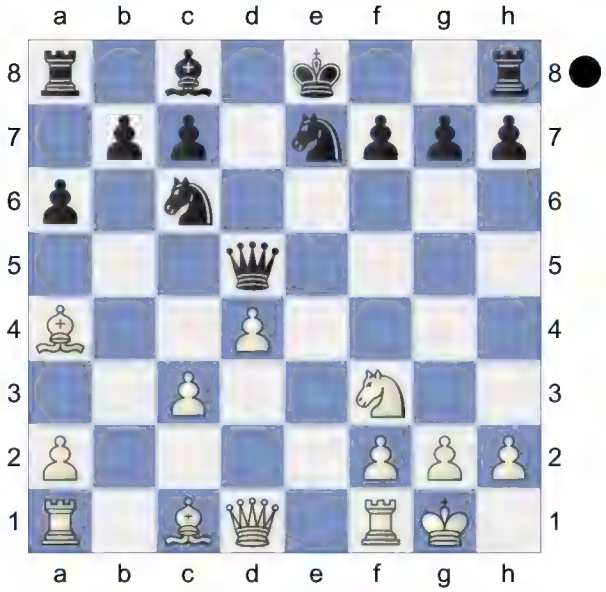
Blitz 3min
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**

(Diagram)



6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3
White is slightly better. **8...d5 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.0-0**
[10.Bb3 Qh5 11.Qd3 Bg4 12.Ng5 0-0-0 13.Bxf7 Ne5 14.Bxh5 Nxd3+ 15.Kd2 Bxh5 16.Kxd3 c5 17.Ne6 Rd6 18.Nf4 Rxd4+ 19.Kc2 Rf8 20.Re1 Rfxf4 21.Bxf4 Bg6+ 22.Kc1 Rxf4 23.Rxe7 Rxf2 24.Re5 Rc2+ ½-½ (43) Madaminov,M (2501)-Nigmatov,O (2447) Masters Open 2024 (3.18)]
10...Bxc3

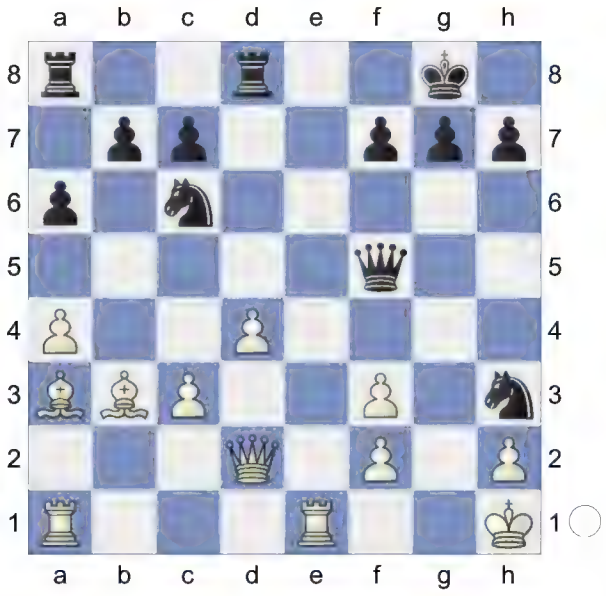
11.bxc3



Bg4 12.Bb3N 0.05/21
[12.Bxc6+!± 0.50/19
A) 12...Qxc6 13.Ba3 *(13.Re1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 15.d5 Qg6+ 16.Kh1 Qf5 17.c4 Rhe8 18.Rg1 Rad8 19.Be3 Kc8 20.Rxg7 Ng6* (21) Schnellstarter Kapitel-6B | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.exd5 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*)* 13...Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 (15) Schnellstarter Kapitel-QS | 6B | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.e Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch;
B) 12...Nxc6 13.Re1+ Be6 14.Ng5]
12...Bxf3
[12...Qh5 13.a4 0-0-0 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Qxf3 16.gxf3 Nd5]
13.gxf3 Qd6 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4 Nd5

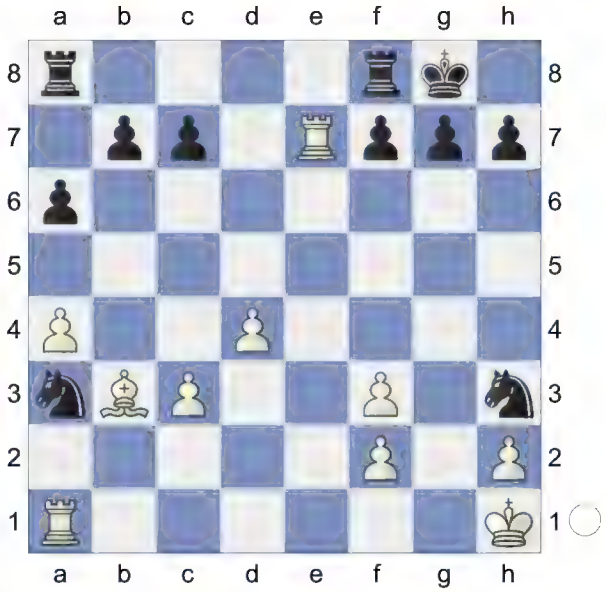
(Diagram)

16.Ba3 Qg6+ 17.Kh1 Rfd8
[17...Nxc3? 18.Qd2+-]
18.Qd2 Qf5 19.Kg2 Nf4+ 20.Kh1 Nh3

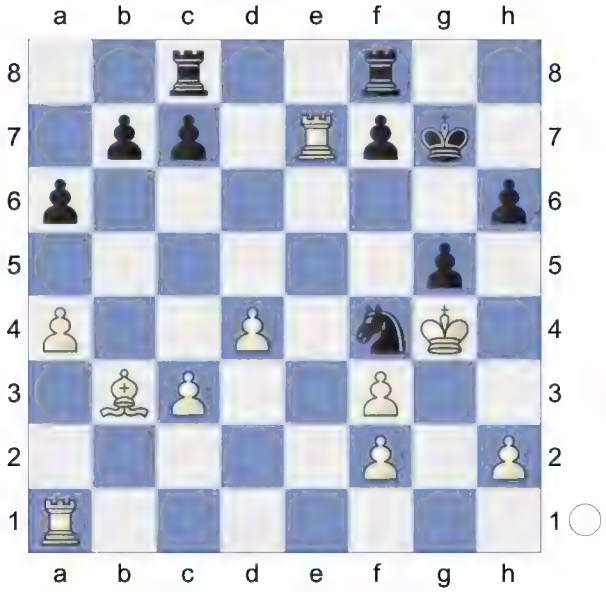


21.Re3 Ne5 22.Qc2
[22.Rxe5? Qxf3#]
22...Qxc2
[22...Nd3!? 23.Rf1□ *(23.Rxd3? Qxd3 24.Qxd3 Nxf2+ 25.Kg2 Nxd3-+)* 23...Nhxf2+ *(23...Nhf4 24.Bc4=)* 24.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 25.Kg2 Qh3+ *(25...Qxc2? 26.Bxc2 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Kxf2+-)* 26.Kxf2 Re8∓]

23.Bxc2 A strong pair of Bishops.
23...Nc4 24.Re7 Nxa3 25.Bb3 Rf8



26.Rxa3 Rac8 27.Kg2 Nf4+ 28.Kg3
[28.Kf1 c5 29.Ra1 b5 30.axb5 axb5 31.dxc5 Rxc5 32.Rxf7 Rxc3 33.Rxf4+ Rxb3 34.Rxf8+ Kxf8 35.Kg2]
28...g5 29.Kg4 h6 30.Ra1 Kg7



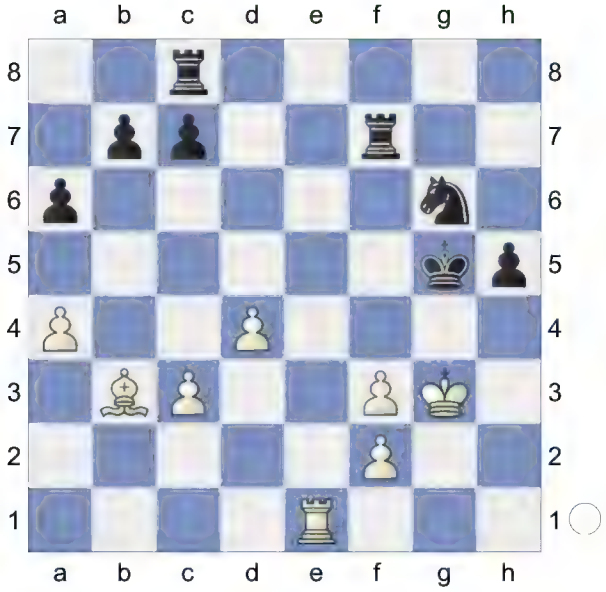
31.Rae1
[31.h4 simplifies Ng6 32.Rd7 gxh4 33.Re1]
31...Kf6 32.h4 h5+ 0.75/5
[32...Nd3= 0.30/18 33.R1e3 Nxf2+

34.Kg3 Nd3]

33.Kg3± Ng6 34.hxg5+ Kxg5 35.Rxf7 White has more active pieces.

[35.f4+ looks sharper. Kf6 36.Rd7 b5 37.a5]

35...Rxf7



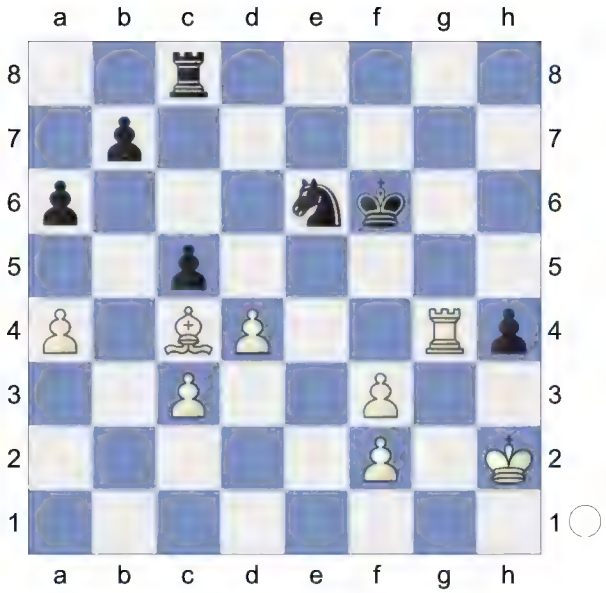
36.Bxf7 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **36...h4+ 37.Kh2 Nf4 38.Rg1+** 0.12/22

[38.Bb3± 0.71/20]

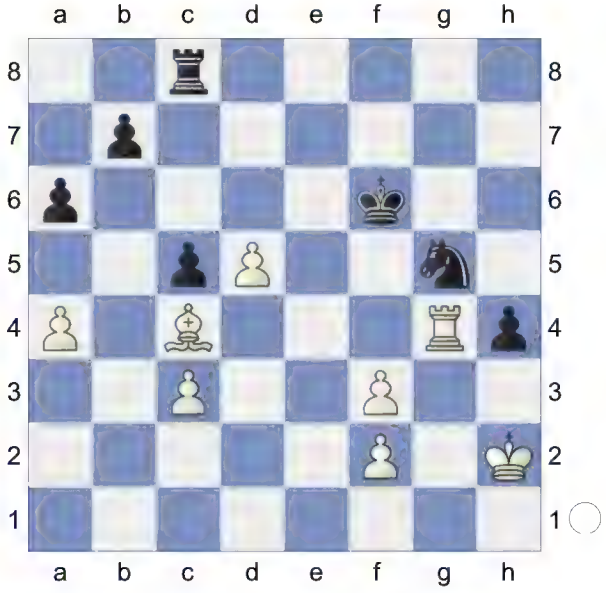
38...Kf6= 39.Bc4 c5 White must now prevent ...cxd4. **40.Rg4 Ne6** 1.14/18

[Black should play 40...Kf5± 0.32/22 41.Rxh4 cxd4]

(Diagram)



41.d5± Ng5



42.Rf4+ -0.08/18

[42.Rxh4? Nxf3+ 43.Kg3 Nxh4 44.Kxh4 Rh8+ 45.Kg3 Ke5-+]

[42.Be2!± 0.93/19]

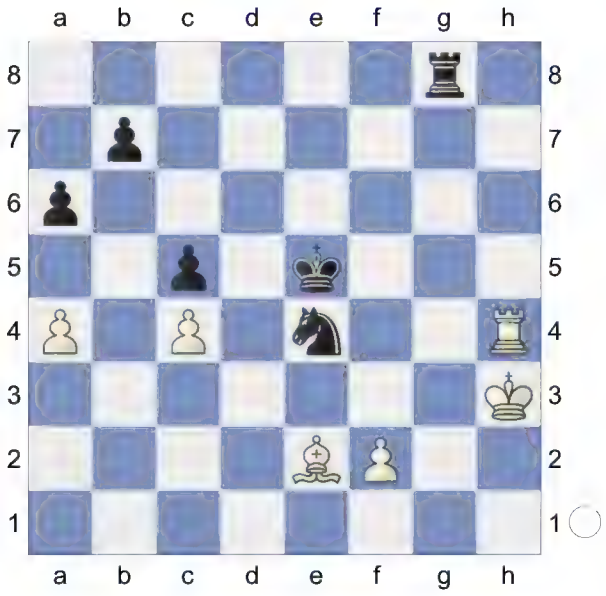
42...Ke5= 43.Rg4

[43.Rxh4? Nxf3+ 44.Kh3 Nxh4 45.Kxh4 Rh8+ *(45...Rf8? 46.Kg3-+)* 46.Kg3 Rh1-+]

43...Nxf3+ 44.Kg2 Nd2 45.Be2 Kxd5

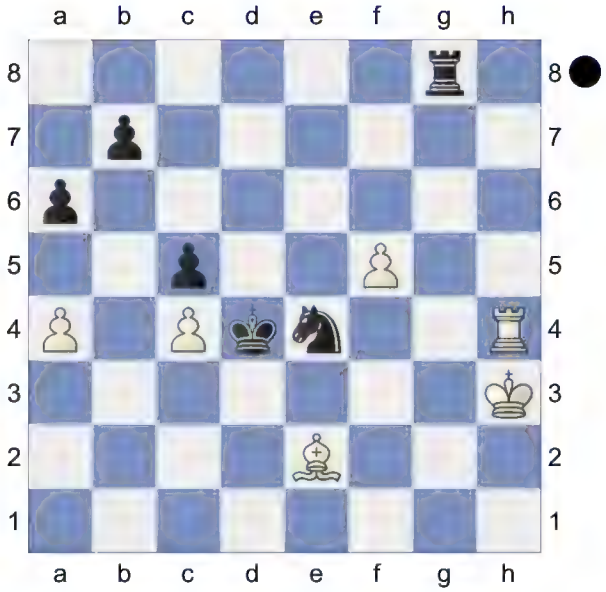
(Diagram)

46.c4+ -0.66/20
[46.Rxh4= -0.24/17 is superior. Rg8+ 47.Kh3]
46...Ke5 -0.30/18
[46...Kc6!∓ -0.66/20 47.Rxh4 Rg8+ 48.Kh3 Kb6]
47.Rxh4 Rg8+ 48.Kh3 Ne4 49.Rh5+! Kd4 50.Rh4! aiming for f3. **50...Ke5**



51.f4+ -2.11/21
[51.Rh5+!= -0.06/19 and White stays safe. Kf4 *(51...Kd4 52.Rh4=)* 52.Rh4+ Ke5]
51...Kd4-+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
52.f5



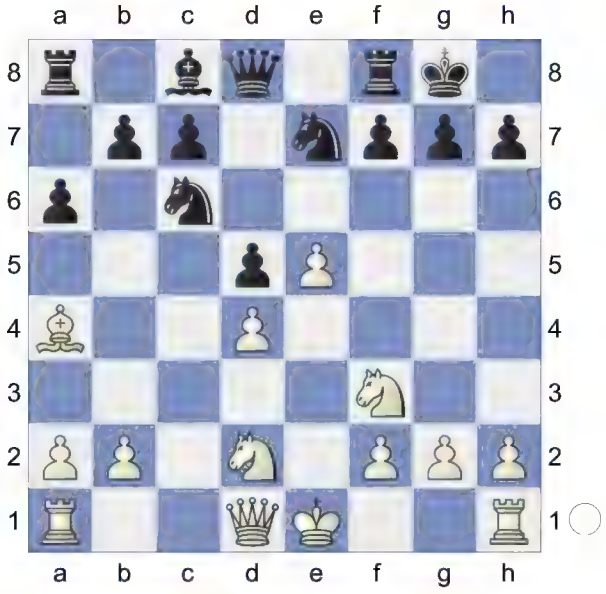
Loss on time!?
1-0

41 **C70**
□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2754**
■ **Grandelius,N** **2689**
38th ECC Open 2023 (7.1) 07.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

(Diagram)

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d5 10.e5 0-0**



11.0-0 f6

[11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rac1 Nd8 16.Qe3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Ne6 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.f4 Rf7 21.Rf3 Raf8 22.Rcf1 Qa4 23.a3 Qb5 24.b3 b6 25.Rc1 a5 26.Kh2 1-0 (71) Caruana, F (2766)-Yu Yangyi (2729) Airthings Masters Div 2 W rapid 2023 (5.1)]

12.Rc1

[12.exf6 Rxf6 13.Re1 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.Qb3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Rxf3 18.Qxf3 Nxd4 19.Qc3 Nb5 20.Qc5 c6 21.Re7 Nd6 22.Rae1 Ne4 23.R1xe4 dxe4 24.Rxb7 Qd1+ 25.Kh2 Qd5 26.Qe7 Qd4 1-0 (62) Kramnik,V (2753)-Chyzy, J (2367) Titled Tue 24th Sep Early 2024 (2)]

12...Bg4N

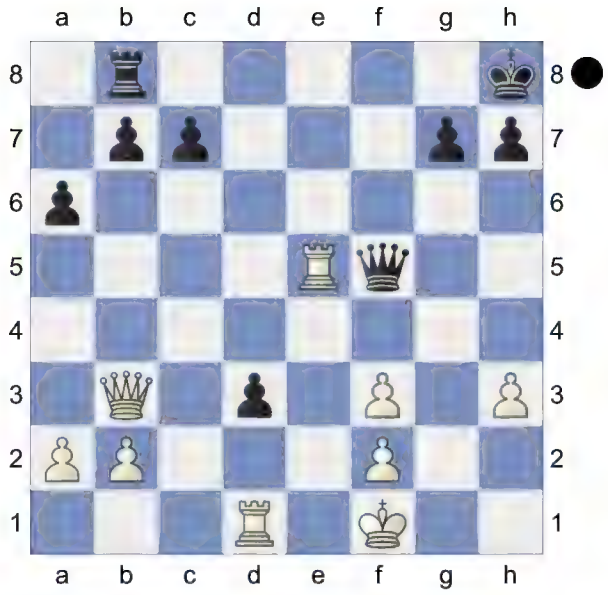
[12...fxe5 13.dxe5 Bg4 14.h3 Bf5 15.a3 Ng6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qe2 *(17.Nd4 Nf4 18.Nxf5 Rxf5 19.g3 Qg5 20.Qg4 Qxg4 21.hxg4 Ne2+ 22.Kg2 Rxe5* 4) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und und 6.d4 â-4 | 6.d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Sxd2 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*; 17.Rxc6 Nf4* (18) Schnellstarter Kapitel-QS | 4 | 6. d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Sx Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*)* 17...Qe8 18.Qe3 Bd7 19.Kh2 Nf4 20.Nd4 Qg6 21.Qg3 Qxg3+ 22.Kxg3 Rae8 4) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-4 â-4 | 6.d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Sxd2 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]

13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qb3 fxe5 15.dxe5 Rb8

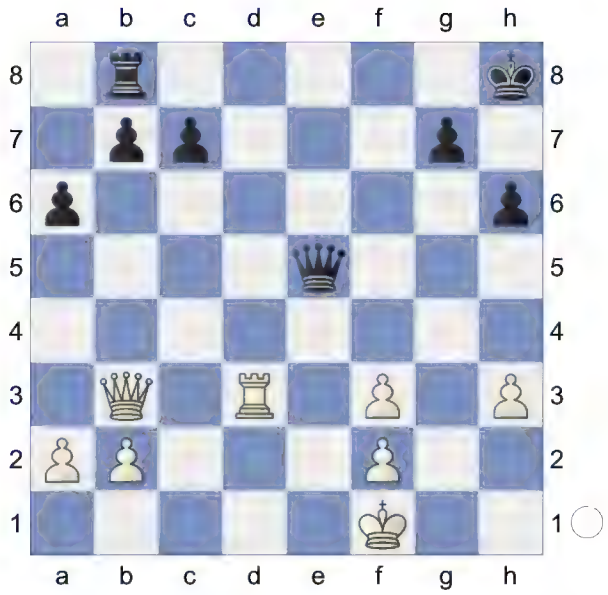
(Diagram)

16.Qe3 -0.15/17
[16.h3± 0.38/21 Be6 17.Rfe1]
16...d4= 17.Qb3+ Kh8 18.h3 Bxf3 0.36/15
[Better is 18...Bf5= -0.16/22]
19.Nxf3± d3! 20.Rfd1
[20.Rcd1!?]
20...Rxf3

The position is equal. **21.gxf3 Qg5+ 22.Kf1** Strongly threatening Rxc6!. **22...Nxe5 23.Rc5⇄** White is not keeping still. Some like it hot **23...Qf5 24.Rxe5!**
(Diagram)

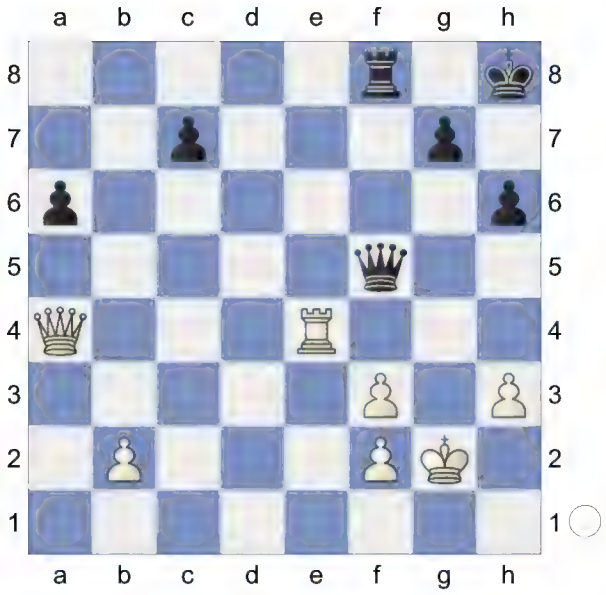


D e f l e c t i o n **24...Qxe5 25.Rxd3=**
Endgame KQR-KQR **25...h6**

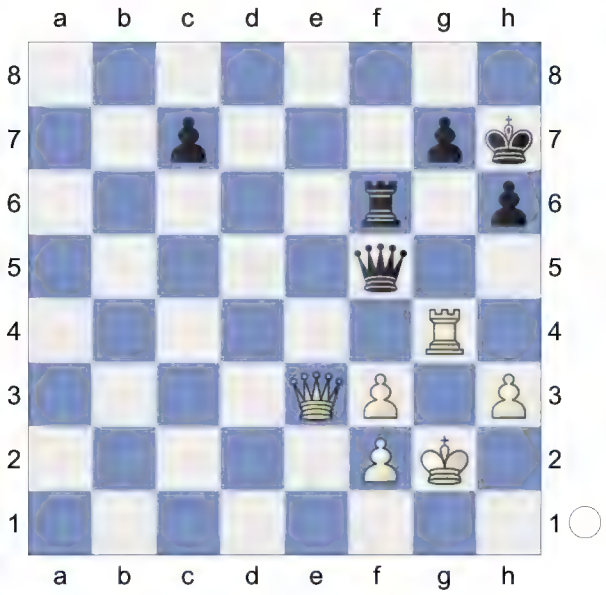


26.Re3 Qf5 27.Kg2 Rd8 28.Re4 b5 29.a4 bxa4 30.Qxa4 Rf8

(Diagram)



31.Qa3 Rf6 32.Qe3 Kh7 33.b4 a5 34.bxa5 Qxa5 35.Rg4 Qf5



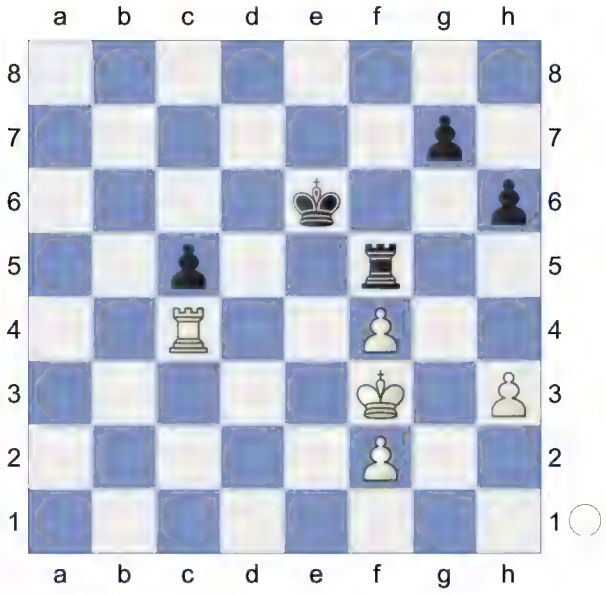
36.Qe4 c5

[36...Kg8 keeps more tension.
37.Qb7 Qd7 38.Qb8+ Rf8]

37.Qxf5+ Rxf5 38.Rc4 Kg6 39.f4 Kf6

(Diagram)

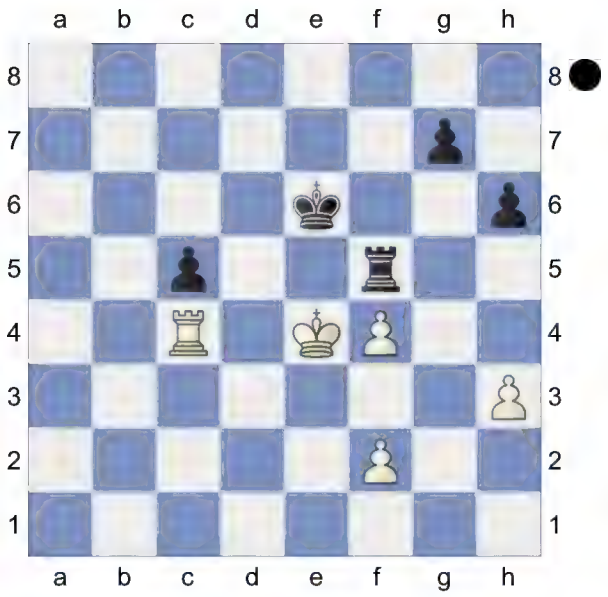
40.Kf3 Ke6



and ...Kd5 should not be overlooked
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

41.Ke4

(Diagram)



½-½

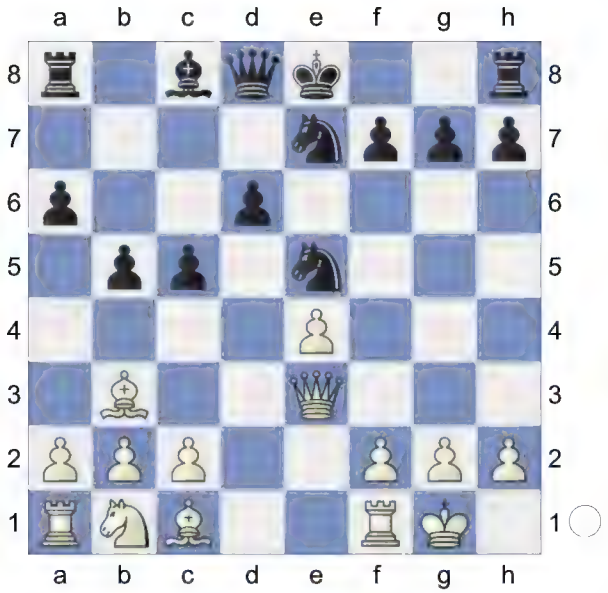
42 **C70**
□ **Morozov,Yury** **2674**
■ **Moiseenko,A** **2688**
1st ch-Europe (2.3) 29.03.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7

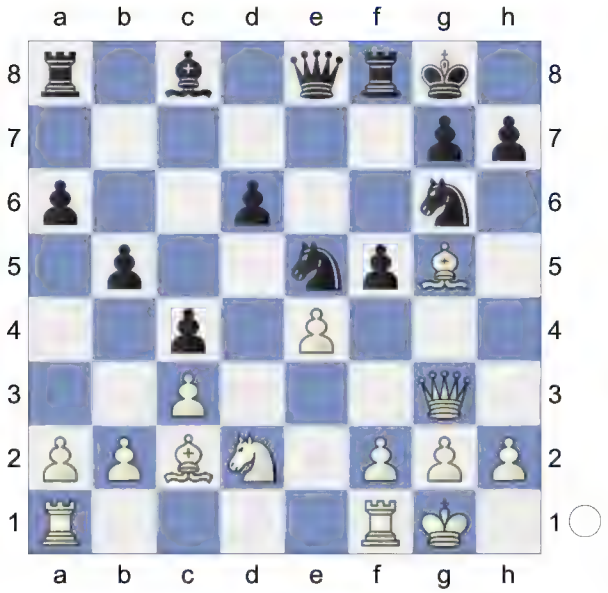
(Diagram)

6.Nxe5! Remove Defender, Decoy
6...Nxe5 7.d4 b5! 8.Bb3 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qe3N** -0.01/18
[10.f4± 0.48/18 c5 11.Qc3 N5g6 12.Qxg7 c4 13.f5 Rg8 14.Qxh7 Nf8 15.Qh6 cxb3 16.axb3 Bb7 (17) 2) 4.La4 mit 5.O-O-2 | Rückzug mit 5.O-O | 6.Sx Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]
[10.c3 0-0 11.f4 c5 12.Qf2 Ng4 13.Qf3 c4 14.Bc2 f5 15.exf5 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Nf6 17.Be3 Qb8 18.Bd4 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Nxf5 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.Nd2 h6 22.Qd5+ Kh8 23.Rae1 Qf8 24.Ne4 Rf7 ½-½ (45) Shirov,A (2648)-Le,T (2598) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early blitz 2025 (6)]
10...c5=

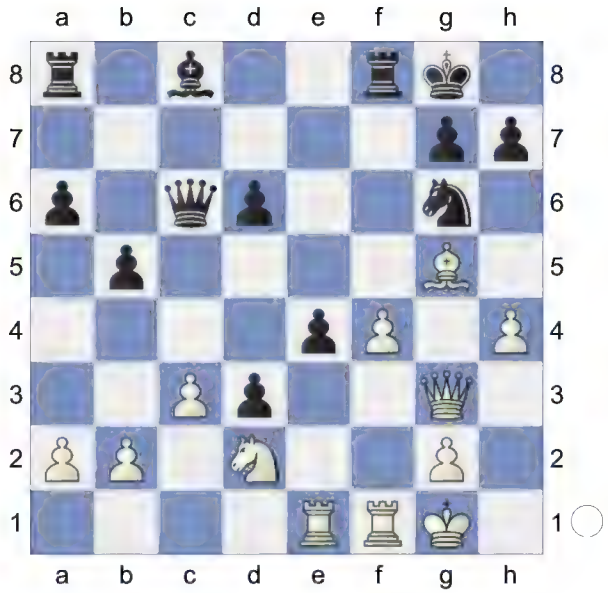
(Diagram)



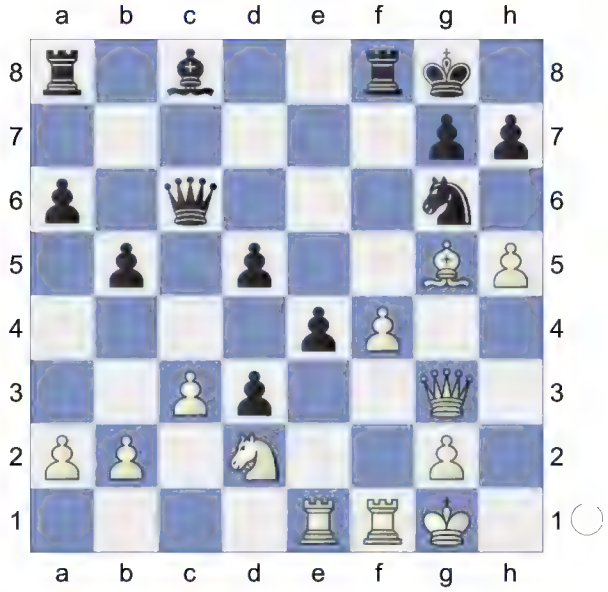
11.c3 0-0 12.Qg3 c4! 13.Bc2 f5 14.Bg5 Qe8 0.51/23
[14...N5g6= -0.09/19]
15.Nd2± N7g6



16.f4 Nd3 17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.Rae1
[18.Qxd3 h6 19.Bxh6 gxh6∓]
18...Qc6 19.h4!
[19.Qxd3 h6 20.Qg3 *(20.exf5? Bxf5 21.Qd4 hxg5-+)* 20...hxg5 21.Qxg5 Qb6+ 22.Rf2 Nh8-+]
19...fxe4 1.16/20
[⌓19...Rf7 0.72/19]

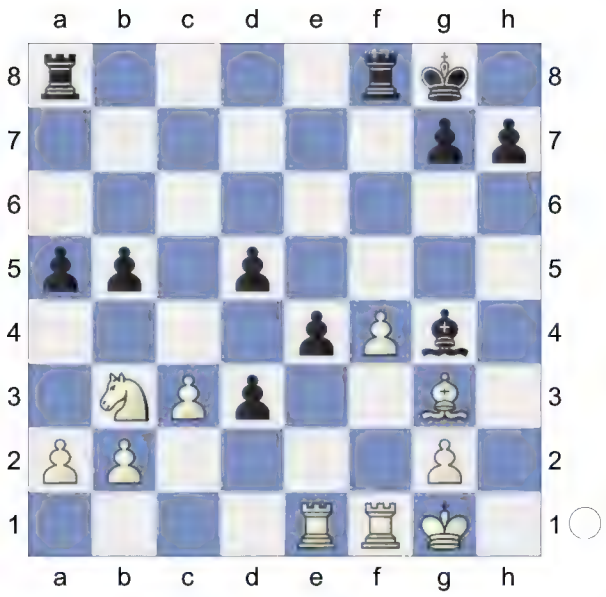


20.h5!↑ White is on the roll.
[20.Rxe4?! Bf5 21.Rb4 Rae8∓]
20...d5 1.90/20

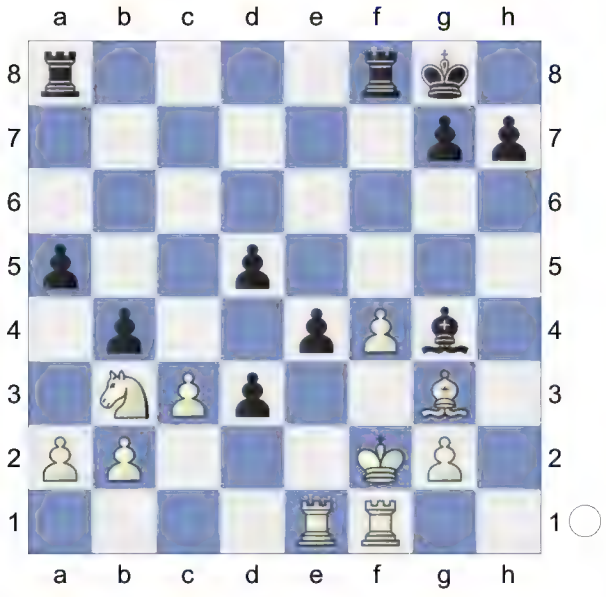


21.hxg6+- Qxg6 22.Nb3 1.06/20
[22.Rf2+- 2.01/18]
22...a5 23.Bh4 0.71/18
[⌓23.Nd4 1.32/18]
23...Qxg3± 24.Bxg3 Bg4

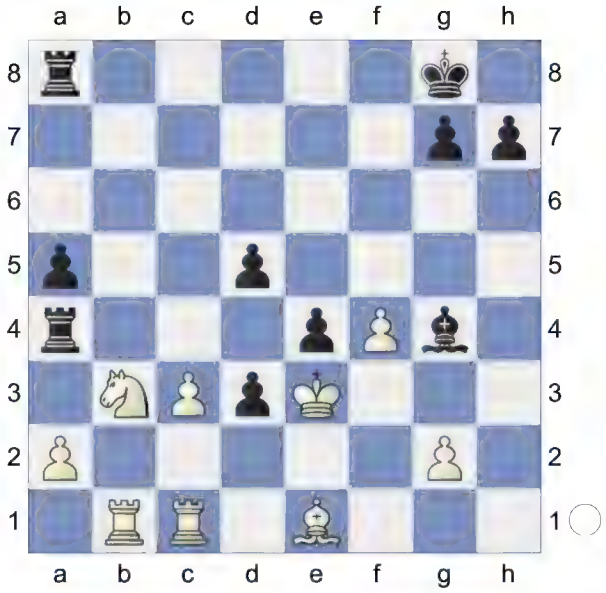
(Diagram)



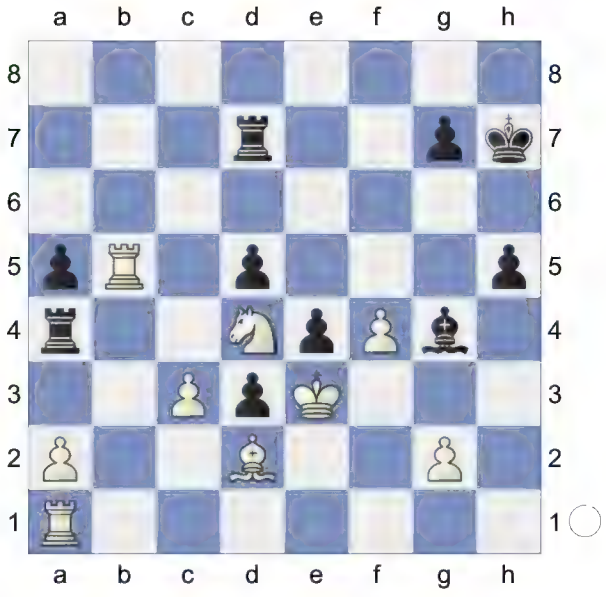
25.Kf2 0.15/22
[White should play 25.Rf2!± 0.96/22]
25...b4 1.48/19
[25...a4= 0.15/22 remains equal. 26.Nd2 Rfe8]



26.Ke3 0.67/19
[26.cxb4± 1.48/19 a4 27.Nc5]
26...Rfb8? 2.34/20
[Black should try 26...a4± 0.67/19 27.Nd4 a3]
27.Rb1 aiming for cxb4. Black cannot hold the game after this. **27...bxc3?** 3.01/21
[27...a4± 1.41/17]
28.bxc3+- Rc8 29.Rfc1 Rc4 30.Be1 Ra4

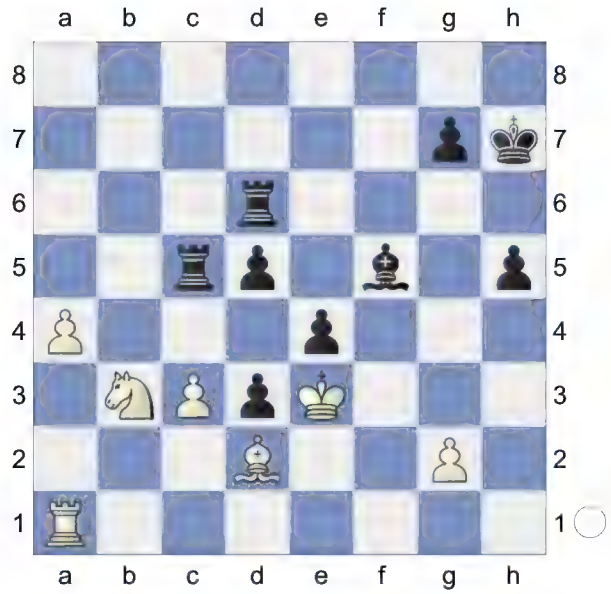


31.Rb2 Rc8 32.Bd2 h5 33.Nd4 Kh7 34.Ra1 Rc7 35.Rb5 Rd7

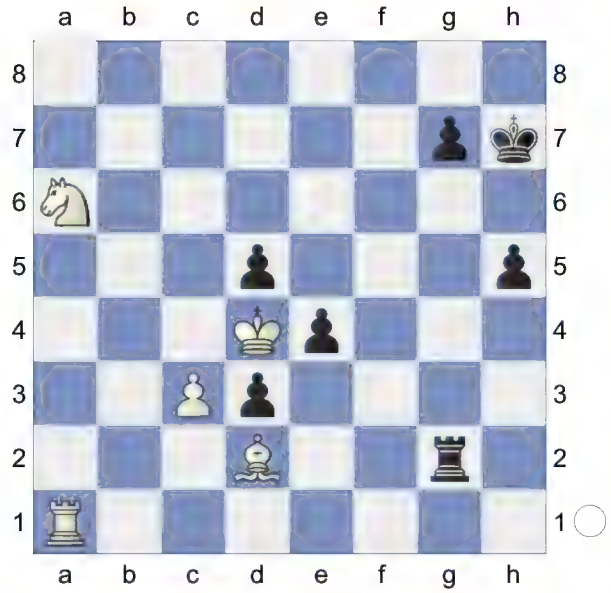


36.Nb3 Rd6 37.Rxa5
[Much less strong is 37.Nxa5 Bd7 38.Rc5 h4+-]
37...Rc4 38.a4 Bd7 39.f5 Bxf5 40.Rc5 Rxc5 3.46/19
[⌓40...Rg6 2.37/17 41.Rxc4 *(41.Rxd5 Rxg2 42.Rxf5 Re2+*

43.Kf4 e3+ 44.Kf3 exd2±)
41...dxc4]



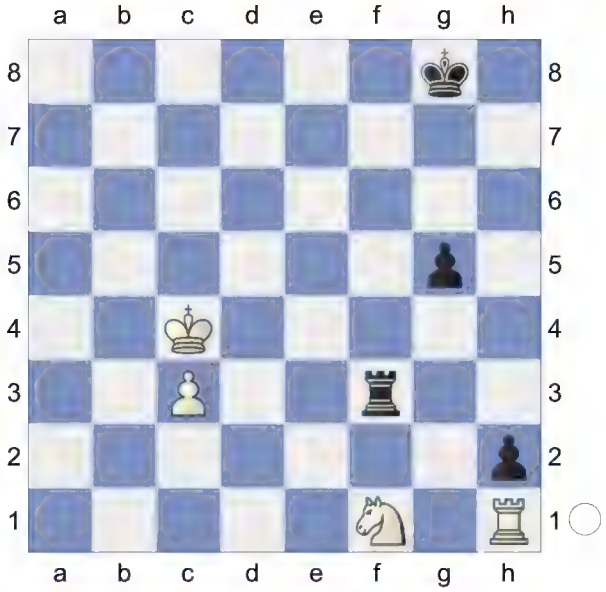
41.Nxc5 Rc6 42.Kd4 White is clearly winning. **42...Rg6 43.a5 Bc8 44.a6 Bxa6 45.Nxa6 Rxg2**



46.Be3 h4 47.Nb4 h3 48.Nxd5 h2 49.Rh1 d2 50.Kxe4 Kg8

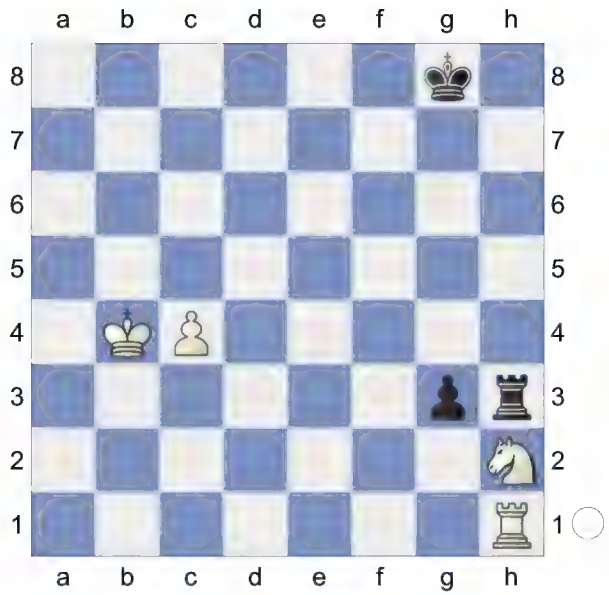
(Diagram)

And now ...Re2 would win. **51.Bxd2! Rxd2** Endgame KRN-KR **52.Ne3 Re2 53.Kd3 Rf2 54.Nf1 Rf3+ 55.Kc4 g5**

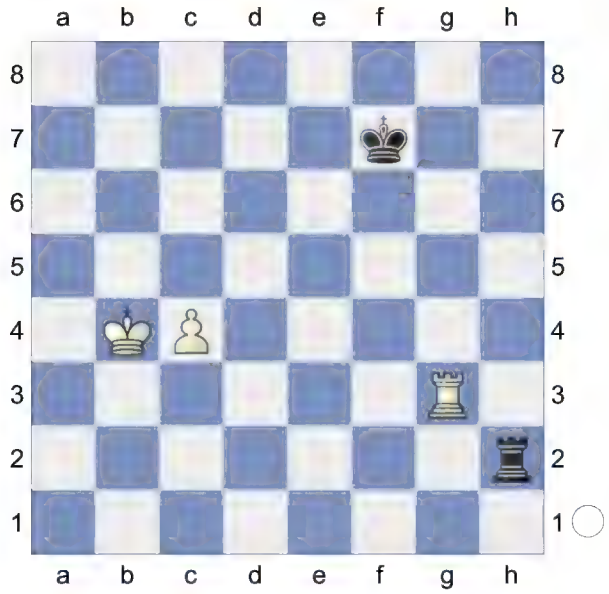


56.Nxh2 Rh3 57.Kb4 g4 58.c4 g3

(Diagram)

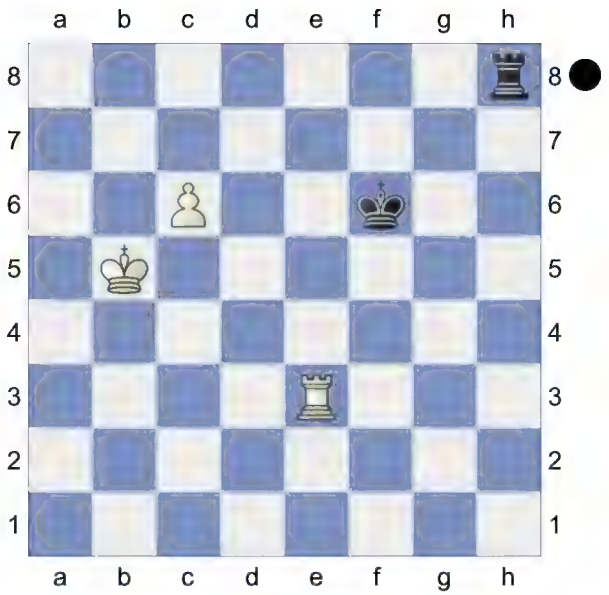


59.Rg1! Rxh2
[59...Kf7 60.Nf1]
60.Rxg3+ Kf7



61.Re3 Rh5 62.c5 Kf6 63.Kb5 Rh8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.36
64.c6

(Diagram)



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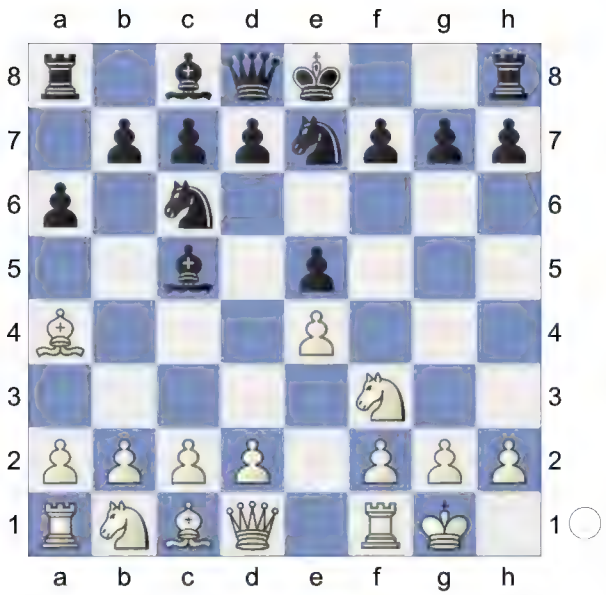
43 **C70**
□ **Sigmachess08** **2658**
■ **Sobino106** **2687**
Blitz 27.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7 0.94/20
[5...d6± 0.39/21]

(Diagram)



6.Re1 -0.12/23

[6.Nxe5!± 0.94/20 Nxe5 7.d4]

[6.c3 Ba7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 0-0 10.d5 *(10.Nbd2 d6 11.h3 Kh8 12.Re1 Bd7 13.Nf1 Qe8 14.Bc2 a5 15.a4 Nd8 16.Ng3 Ne6 17.Qd2 Bb6 18.b3 Rd8 19.Rad1 Bc8 20.Nf5 Ne7 21.b4 exd4 22.cxd4 axb4 23.Qxb4 Nc6 24.Qb1 Na5* 1-0 (51) Kushagra,M (2359)-Barp,A (2452) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (5) *)* 10...Nce7 11.Bxa7 Rxa7 12.d6 cxd6 13.Qxd6 b5 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.a4 Rb7 16.axb5 Rb6 17.Qd1 axb5 18.Nbd2 Bb7 19.c4 f5 20.Bc2 fxe4 0-1 (32) Tari,A (2625)-Van Foreest,J (2671) Tata Steel 83rd 2021 (7)]

6...0-0 0.30/20

[6...Ba7 -0.12/23]

7.c3 -0.11/21

[7.Nxe5 0.30/20 Nxe5 8.d4]

7...Ba7 8.h3N -0.42/18

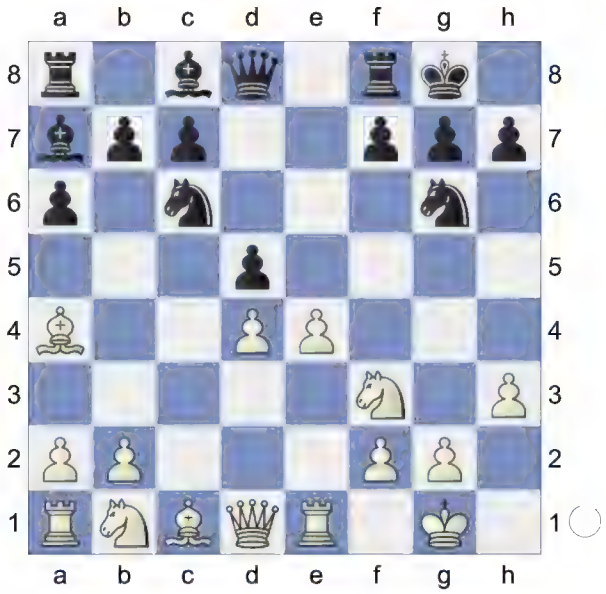
[8.d4= 0.07/19 d6 9.h3 h6 10.Be3 f5 8) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.O-O â-8 â-8A | 6.O-O Nebenvarianten | 7 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]

[8.Bb3 d6 9.d3 Ng6 10.Bg5 Qe8 11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 Nf4 14.d4 Bg4 15.h3 Bd7 16.Nf1 f6 17.Ng3 Ne7 18.Kh2 Rd8 19.Ne2 g5 20.Neg1 Qh5 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Qf1 g4 0-1 (35) Ermitsch,M (2232)-Haimovich,T (2374) Biel HTO 56th 2023 (7) 23.Ne1 Rf6 24.g3 Nxh3 25.Nxh3 Rdf8 26.Nd3 Rh6 27.Bd1 Qg6 28.Kg1 Rxh3 29.Qg2 Qg5 30.Be2 Rf6 31.Rd1 Rfh6 32.f4 Qh5 33.Nf2 Rh2 34.Qf1 exf4 35.gxf4 Qh4 0-1 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7/ 7. (2232)-Henry,P (2374) Russian Team Championship 2007 (7)]

8...Ng6 0.41/20

[8...f5∓ -0.42/18 9.exf5 d5]

9.d4± exd4 10.cxd4 d5



11.e5 -0.05/19

[11.exd5!± 0.79/19 Qxd5 12.Nc3]

11...Bf5 0.31/21

[11...f6= -0.05/19 was preferable.]

12.Nc3 f6 1.30/20 Against Bg5

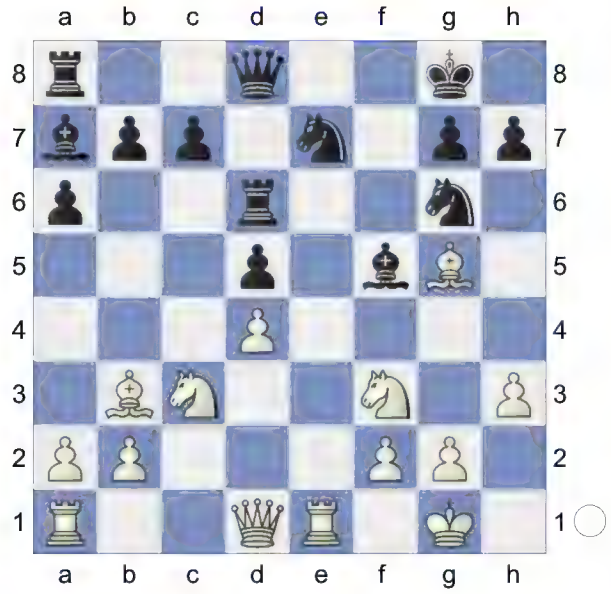
[12...h6= 0.21/20 keeps the balance.]

13.Bb3 0.94/20

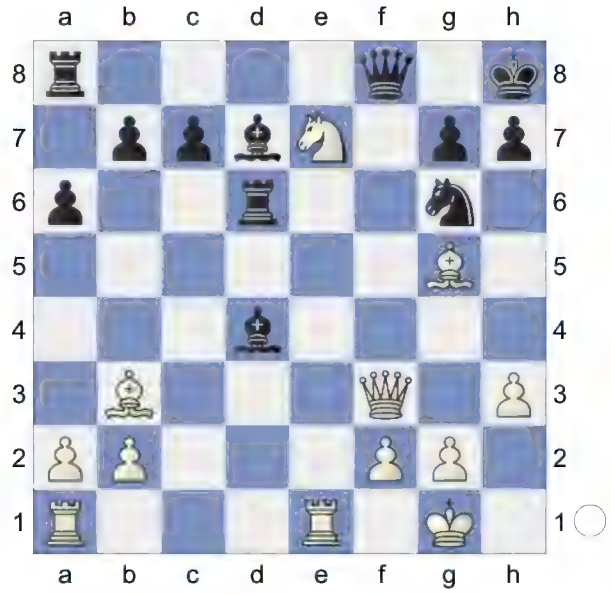
[13.exf6 1.30/20 Hoping for Nxd5!. Qxf6 14.Nxd5]

13...Nce7 14.exf6 Discovered Attack

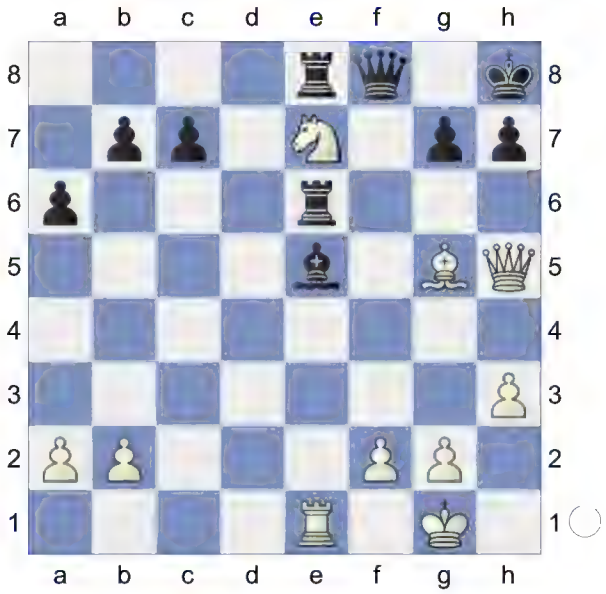
14...Rxf6 2.40/20
[14...gxf6± 1.17/20 15.Bh6 Rf7]
15.Bg5+- Rd6? 3.97/20
[15...c6 2.40/19 16.Bxf6 gxf6]



16.Ne5? 1.45/20
[16.Nh4+- 3.97/20 is more deadly. Be6 17.Rxe6 Rxe6 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd8 Rxd8 20.Qg4]
16...Qf8± 17.Nxg6 Nxg6 18.Nxd5 Kh8
19.Ne7 0.10/18
[White should play 19.Qf3± 1.39/21]
19...Bxd4= 20.Qf3 Bd7

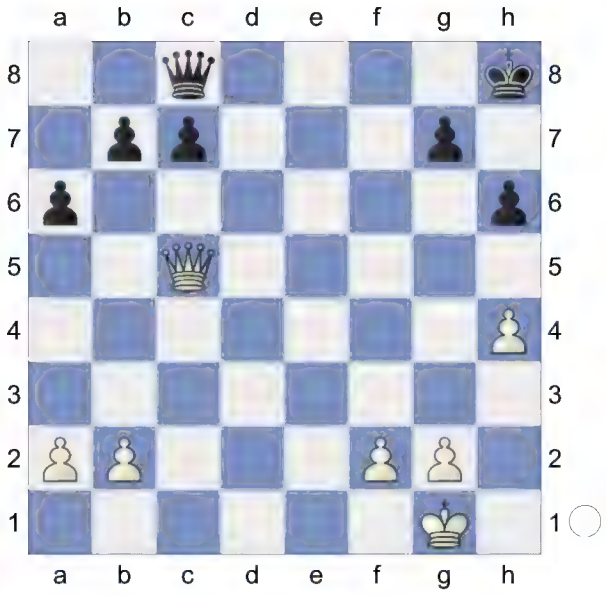


21.Bf7? -2.80/21
[21.Qxb7 Nxe7 *(21...Bxf2+? 22.Kh1-+)* 22.Be3 Bc6 *(22...Bxb2? 23.Rab1-+)* 23.Qxc7 Rg6-+]
[21.Qg3= 0.18/19 Re8 22.Nxg6+ Rxg6 23.Rxe8 Bxe8 24.h4]
21...Ne5-+
[21...Bxb2 22.Nxg6+ Rxg6 23.Bxg6 Qxf3 24.gxf3±]
22.Rxe5 Bxe5 23.Qh5 Be8!
[23...Bxb2 24.Ng6+ Rxg6 25.Bxg6=]
24.Bxe8 Rxe8 25.Re1 Re6 0.07/18
[25...Rxe7 26.Bxe7 Qxe7 27.Rxe5+-]
[25...Bxb2 26.Re4-+]
[25...Bd4-+ -2.74/19 26.Re2 Bc5]

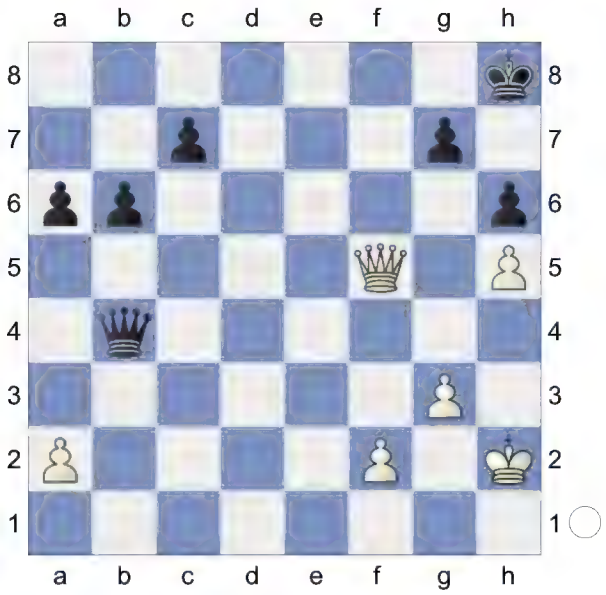


26.Rxe5!= Decoy **26...R8xe7**
[26...R6xe7 27.Bxe7]
27.Bxe7 Qxe7 28.Rxe6 Qxe6
Endgame KQ-KQ **29.Qc5 Qc8**
[29...Qxa2? 30.Qxc7 h5 31.Qxb7+-]
30.h4 h6

(Diagram)



31.h5 Qd8 32.b4 b6 33.Qf5 Qd1+ 34.Kh2 Qd6+ 35.g3 Qxb4



36.Qc8+ Kh7 37.Qxc7 Qd2 38.Kg1 Qd1+ 39.Kg2 Qd5+ 40.Kg1 b5

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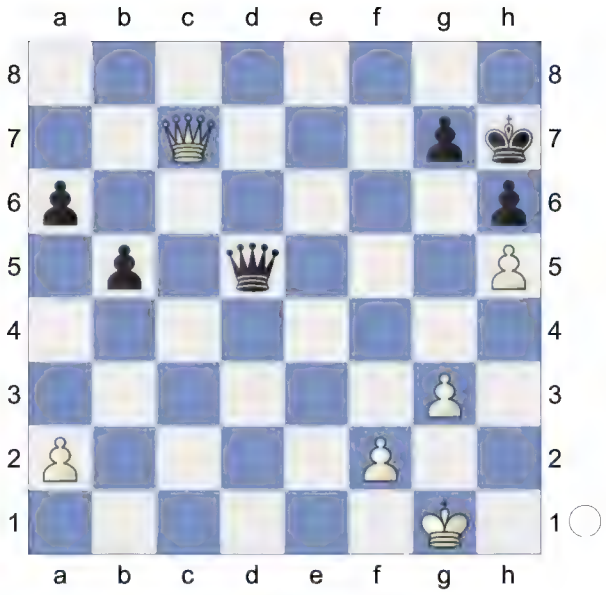

41.Qf4 Qxh5 42.Qe4+ Qg6 43.Qb7 -2.26/21

[43.Qb4= -0.19/22 and White stays safe.]

43...Qb1+-+ 44.Kg2 -2.69/24

[⌓44.Kh2 -1.81/22]

44...a5? -0.23/21

[Better is 44...Qxa2-+ -2.69/24 White must now prevent ...Qa4. 45.Qe4+ Kh8 46.Qa8+ Qg8 47.Qxa6 b4]

45.a4? -7.95/27

[45.Qa6= -0.23/21]

45...b4

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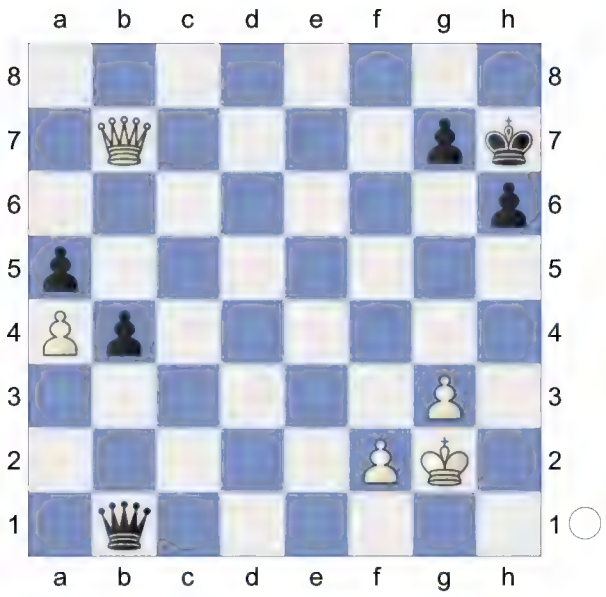
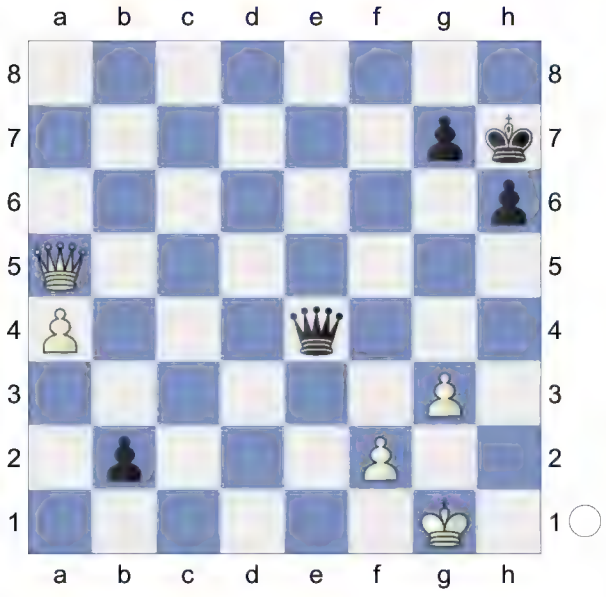


Black is clearly winning. **46.Qb5 b3 47.Qxa5 Qe4+ 48.Kg1** Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.45
48...b2



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44 **C70**
□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2648**
■ **Kasimdzhanov,R** **2685**
2nd Kasimdzhanov Cup 2024 (3.4)
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

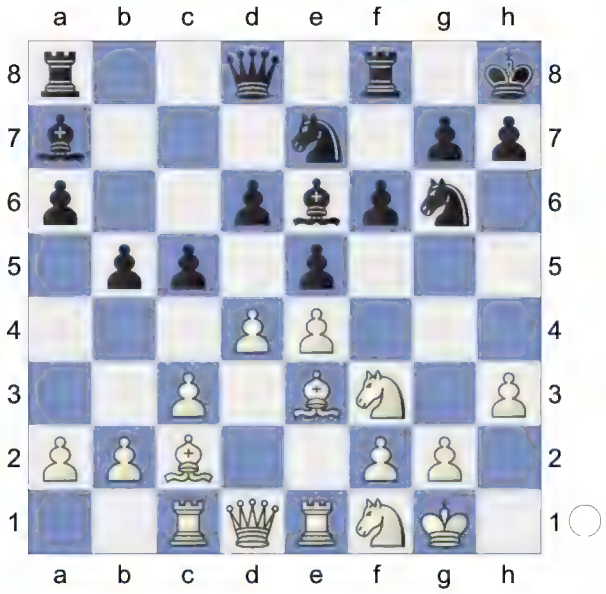
6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0 10.Re1 d6**

(Diagram)

11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.Rc1 Nce7 13.Bc2 Be6 14.Nf1 c5 15.h3N

[15.Ng3 Bxa2 16.b3 c4 17.b4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Nc6 20.Nf5 a5 21.b5 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qd7 23.Ra1 Bb3 24.Bxb3 cxb3 25.Qxb3 Nf4 26.Nf5 g6 27.Ne3 Rae8 28.Qc4 Re5 29.Rxa5 Rfe8 ½-½ (42) Tregubov,P (2548)-Ivanisevic,I (2547) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (10.2)]

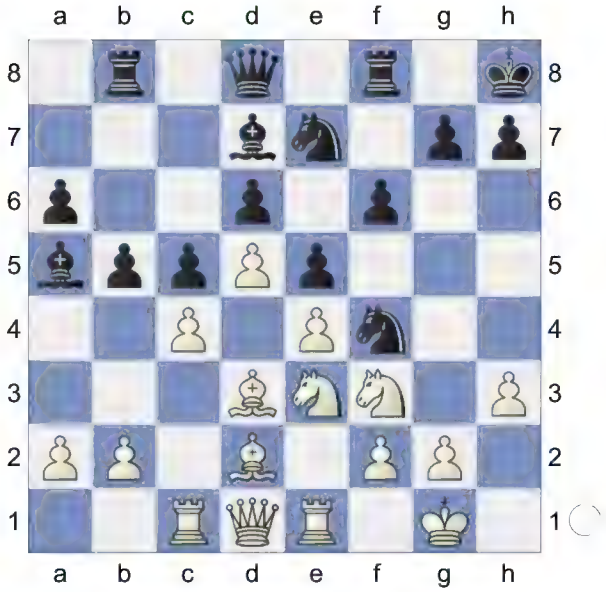
15...b5



16.d5 Bd7 17.c4 Bb6 18.Bd2 Ba5 19.Ne3 Rb8 20.Bd3 -0.18/22

[20.Bxa5± 0.31/18 should be considered. Qxa5 21.b3]

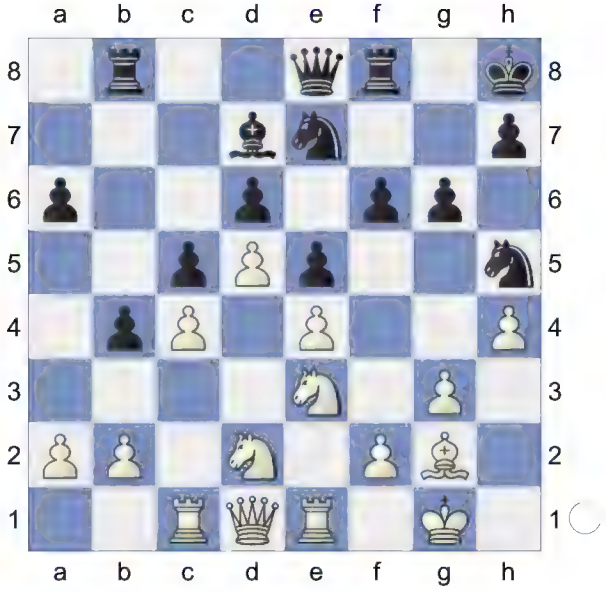
20...Nf4=



21.Bf1 Bxd2 22.Nxd2 b4 23.h4 Qe8 24.g3 Prevents g5 **24...Nh5**

[24...g5!?]

25.Bg2 g6



26.Nf3 -1.06/19

[White should play 26.Bf3∓ -0.48/21]

26...f5∓ 27.exf5 gxf5 28.Ng5 -1.50/19

[⌓28.Bh3 -1.03/17]

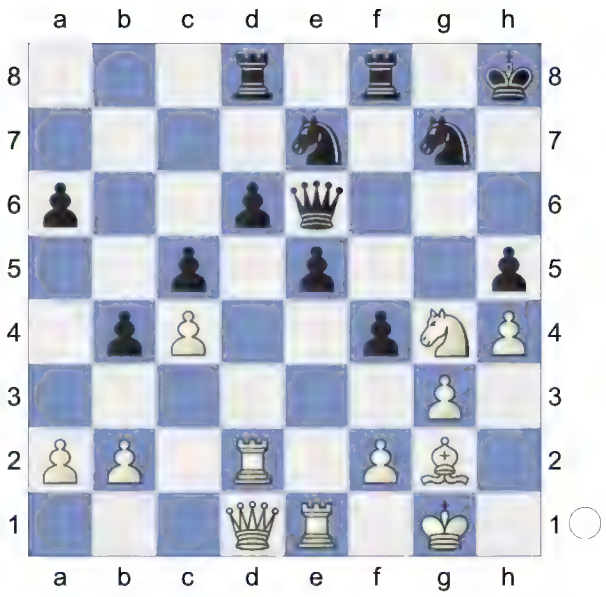
28...Qg6 29.Nf1 -1.81/22

[29.Bf3∓ -1.36/18 Ng7 30.Kh2]

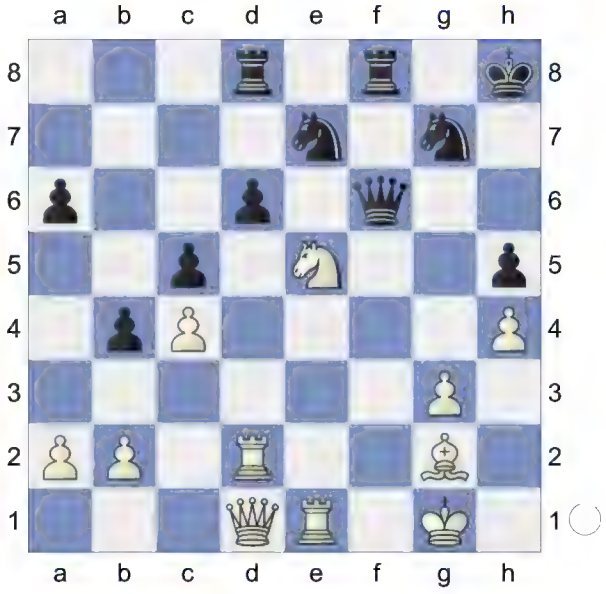
29...h6 30.Ne6 Bxe6 -0.88/16
[⌓30...Rg8 -1.50/19 Hoping for ...f4!. 31.Kh1 Bxe6 *(31...f4? 32.Be4∓)* 32.dxe6 Rbd8]

31.dxe6 Rbd8 32.Rc2 Ng7 33.Rd2 Qxe6 34.Ne3 f4 -0.38/18
[34...Qf6∓ -0.99/20]
35.Ng4!∓ h5 0.63/22
[35...Qxc4 36.Nxe5 *(36.Rxd6 Rxd6* Remove Defender *37.Qxd6 fxg3±)* 36...Qg8 37.Rxd6 Rxd6 38.Qxd6±]
[35...fxg3∓ -0.47/21 36.fxg3 Nef5 *(36...Qxc4 37.b3±)*]

(Diagram)

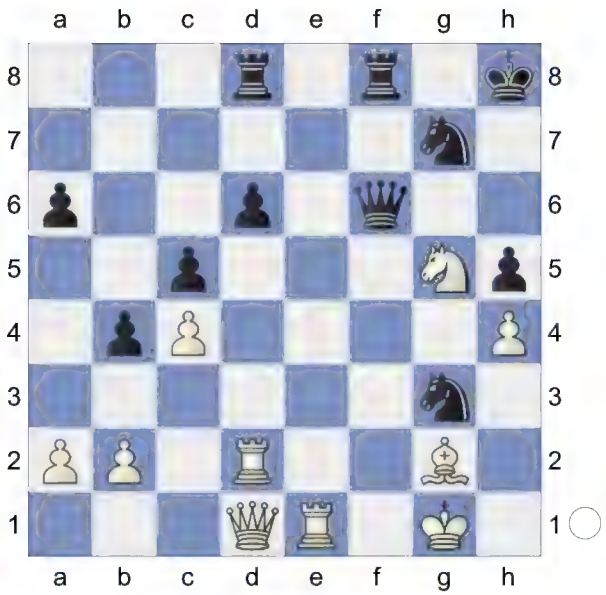


36.Nxe5!± fxg3 1.33/21
[Better is 36...Qf6 0.75/22]
37.fxg3± Qf6

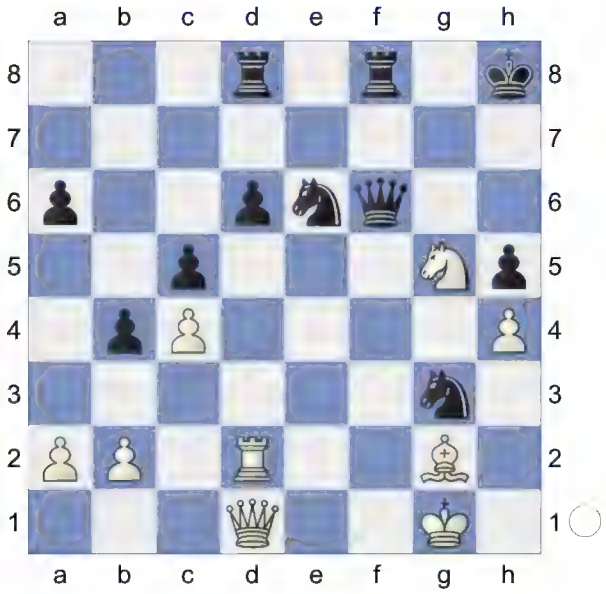


38.Nf3 0.82/17
[⌓38.g4! 1.41/22]
38...Nef5 39.Ng5 and Rf2 would now be decisive **39...Nxg3**

(Diagram)



40.Re6? -4.81/20
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
40...Nxe6



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45 **C70**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2715**
■ **Kasimdzhanov,R** **2685**
2nd Kasimdzhanov Cup 2024 (5.5)
[Kitty Kat]

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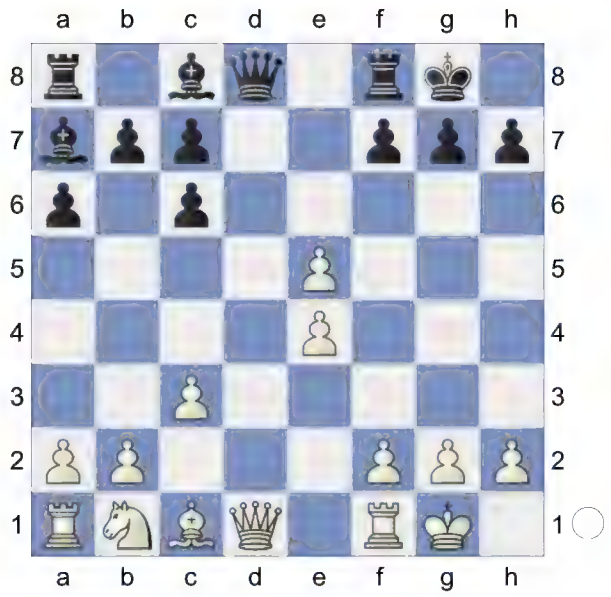
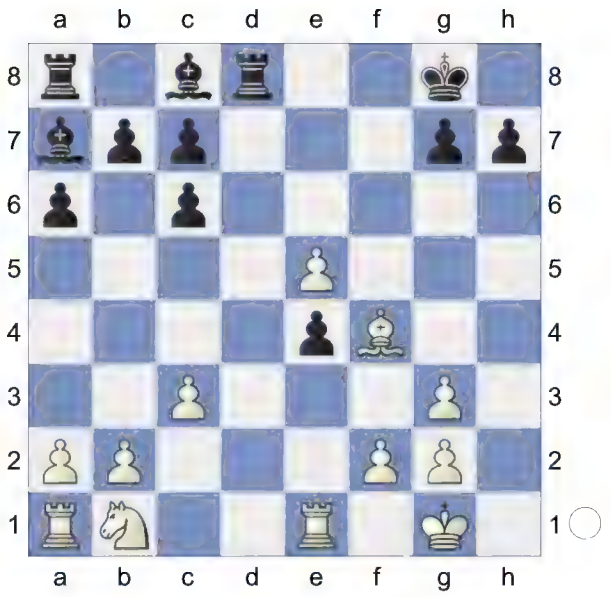
6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bxc6 dxc6
White is slightly better. **9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 0-0**

(Diagram)

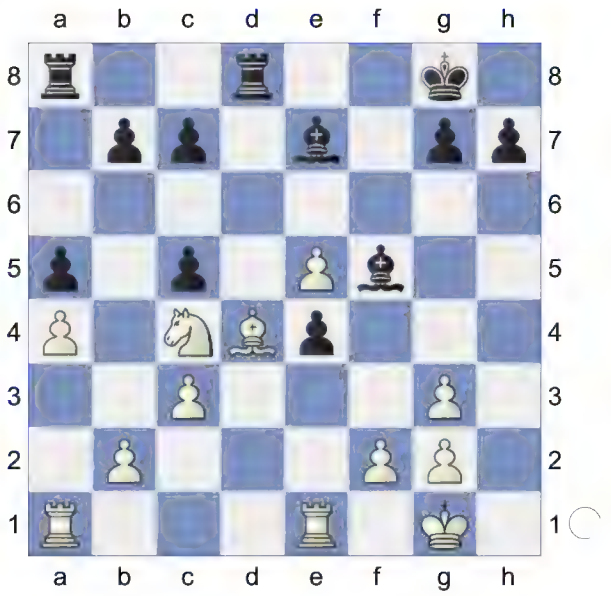


11.Bf4N
[11.Qe2 Qh4 12.Nd2 Bg4 13.Nf3 Qh5 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxe5 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Qg3 Qe7 19.Qf4 Rd7 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.g3 g6 22.Re1 Re8 ½-½ Sychev,K (2532)-Puranik,A (2639) SRB-chT Premier 2024 (5.2)]
11...Qh4 12.Qf3 Black must now prevent Be3. **12...f5 13.Qg3 Qxg3 14.hxg3 fxe4 15.Re1** -0.18/23
White is weak on the light squares
[15.Nd2 0.30/24 feels stronger.]
15...Rd8=
[15...g5!? 16.Be3□ Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Rd8∓]

(Diagram)



16.Na3 Bf5 17.Nc4 a5 18.a4 Bc5 19.Be3 Be7 20.Bd4 -0.91/19
[20.e6!= -0.13/20]
20...c5!∓



21.Be3 b6 22.f4 exf3 23.gxf3 Be6 24.Nd2 Rd5 25.f4 Rad8

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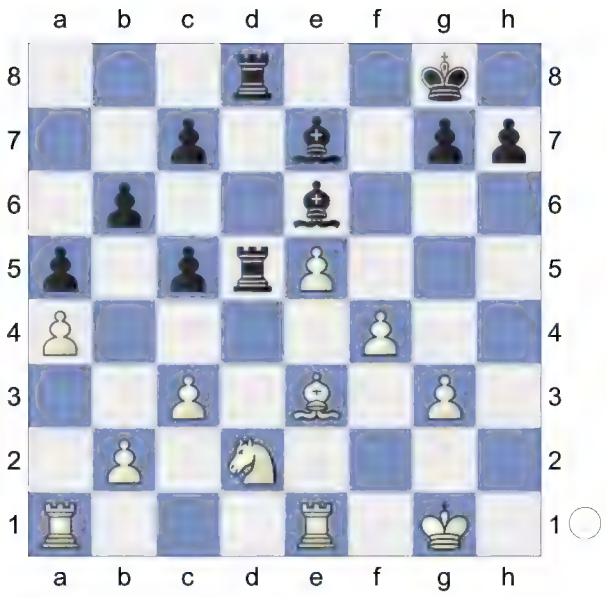
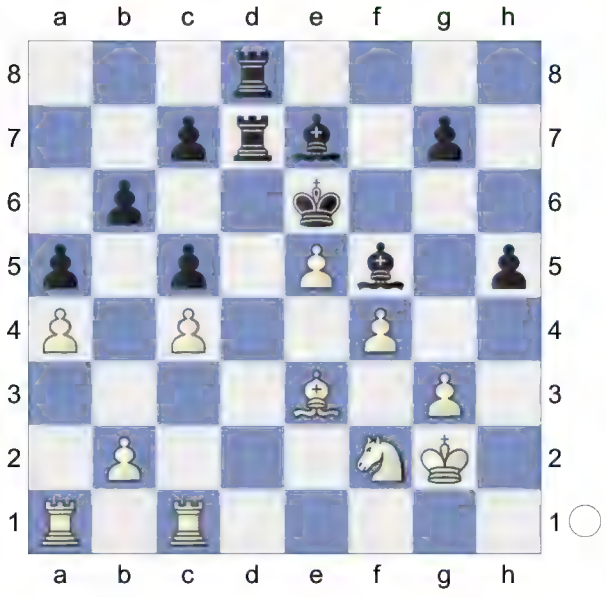
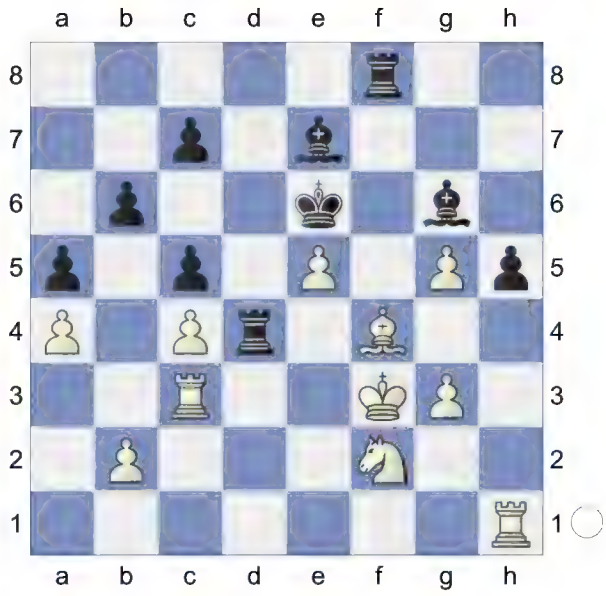


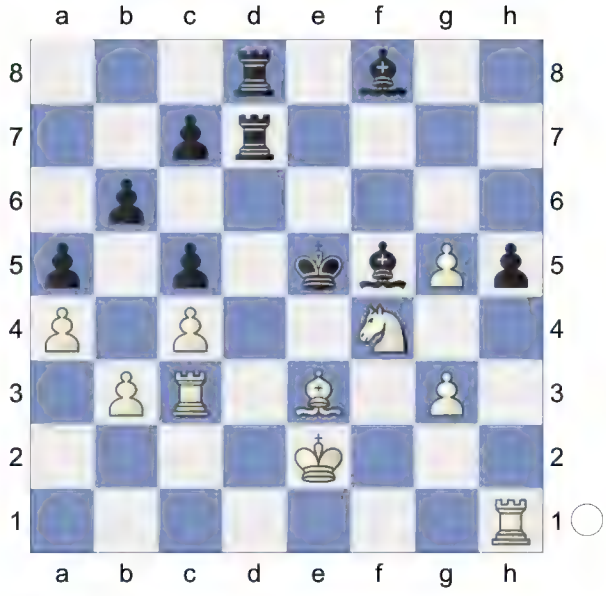
26.Ne4 R5d7 27.Nf2 h5 28.Rec1 Kf7 29.c4 Bf5 -0.40/20 Black is more active.
[Black should try 29...Rg8!∓ -1.31/18 and ...g5 would now be decisive 30.Kg2 g5]
30.Kg2!∓ Ke6



31.Kf3 g6 32.Rc3 g5 33.fxg5 Rf8
[33...Kxe5 34.Re1 Kd6 35.g4 *(35.Rh1 Kc6∓)* 35...hxg4+ 36.Nxg4±]
34.Bf4 Rd4 Black has compensation.
35.Rh1 Bg6
[35...Bxg5 simplifies 36.Rxh5 Bxf4 37.gxf4 Rxf4+ 38.Kxf4 Bg6+]



36.Ke2 Rfd8 0.32/19
[36...Rf5∓ -0.35/19]
37.b3 Bf8 38.Be3 R4d7 39.Nh3 0.07/23
[39.Bc1!± 0.66/19]
39...Bf5 40.Nf4+ Kxe5

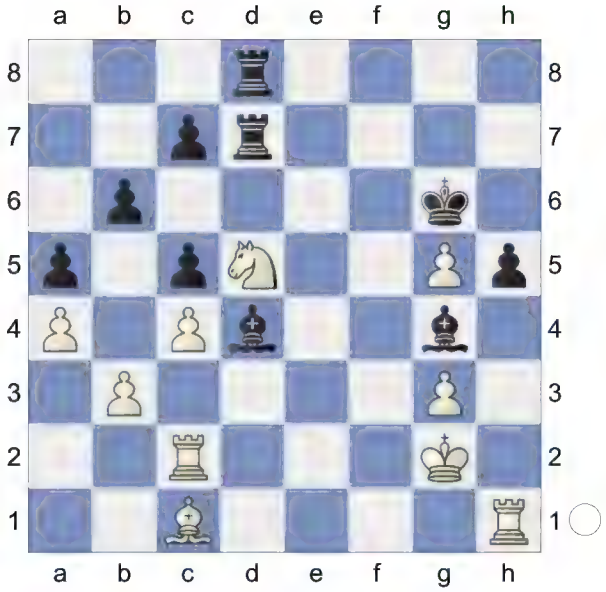


41.Kf2 Bg4 42.Bc1
[42.Nxh5 Rh7-+ 43.Rh4 *(43.Bf4+? Kf5-+)* 43...Bxh5-+]
[42.Rcc1!?]
42...Kf5 43.Nd5

[43.Nxh5!? Re8 *(43...Rh7 44.Rf3+ Bxf3 45.Kxf3∓)* 44.Rf1 Bxh5 45.g4+ Bxg4 *(45...Kxg4 46.Rf3=)* 46.Kg3+ Kg6 47.Kxg4=]

43...Bg7 44.Rc2! Bd4+ This pair of bishops is nice. **45.Kg2 Kg6**

[45...Rf7 keeps more tension. 46.Re1 Rdd7 47.Bf4 Kg6]



46.Nf4+ Kg7

[46...Kxg5 47.Ne6+ Kg6 48.Nxd8 Rxd8 49.Re1=]

47.Nxh5+ Bxh5? 2.33/16

[47...Kf7= 0.21/19 and Black has nothing to worry.]

48.Rxh5+- Re7 49.Kf3 1.57/18 Inhibits Be3.

[Better is 49.Bf4+- 2.73/19]

49...Re1 2.92/21

[49...Ba1± 1.57/18 50.Rch2 Rd3+ 51.Kg4 Kg8]

50.Bf4 Bg1 4.51/18

[50...Rb1 2.85/19 51.Kg4 *(51.Bxc7 Rxb3+ 52.Kg4 Re8+-)* 51...Rxb3]

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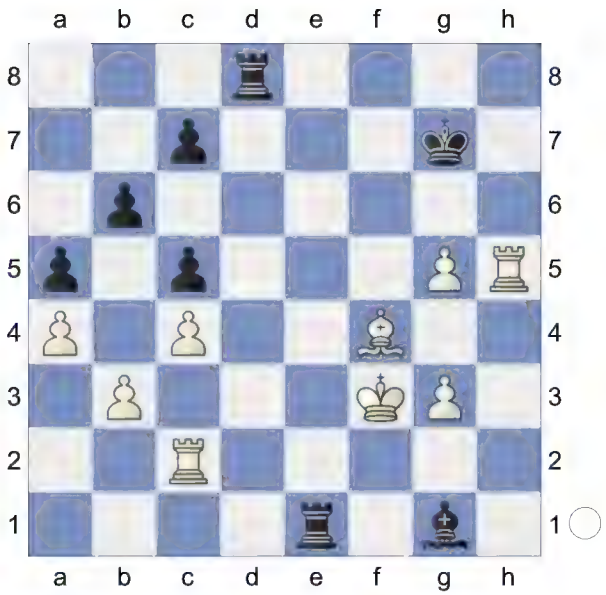
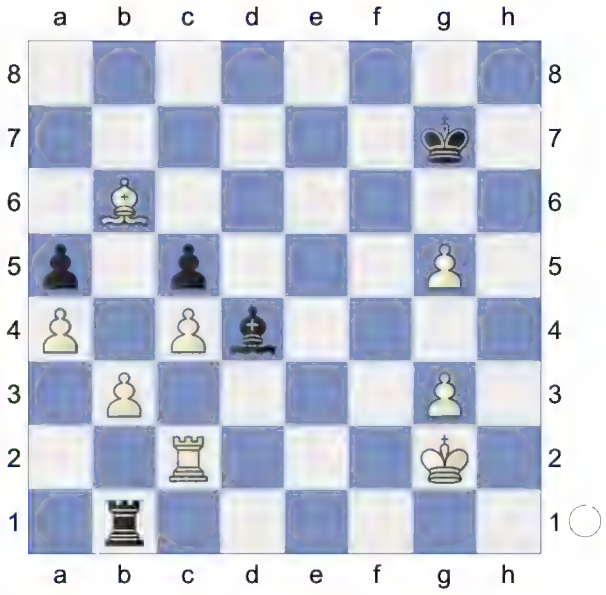


51.Rh1

[51.Bxc7 Rd3+ 52.Kg4 Rxb3+-]

51...Rd3+ 52.Kg2 Rdd1 53.Bxc7 Bd4 54.Rxe1 Rxe1 55.Bxb6 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is 3 pawns up.

55...Rb1



56.Bxa5 Rxb3 57.Bd8 Ra3 58.a5 Kg6 59.Re2 Kf5 60.Kh3 Ra1

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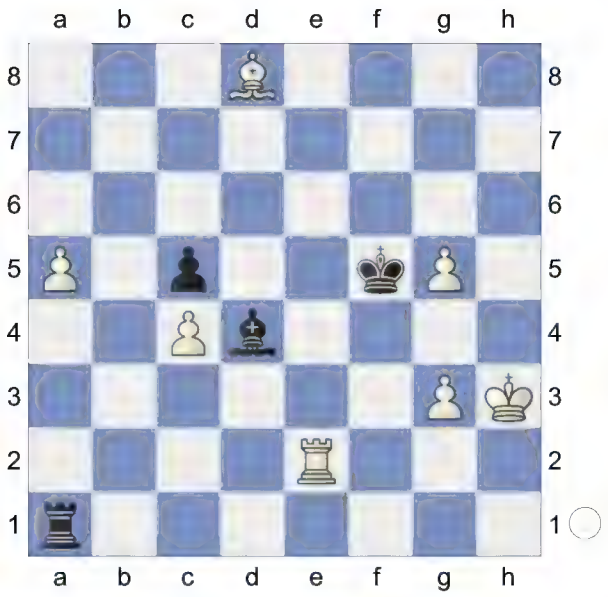
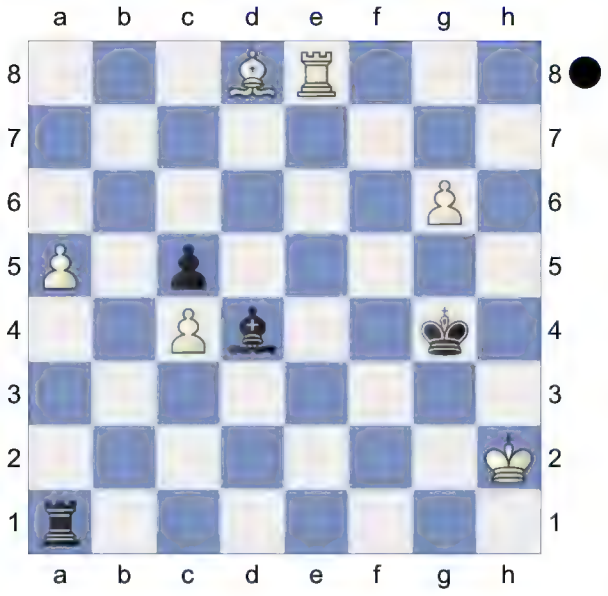


61.g4+ Kf4 62.Kh2? 0.94/20
[62.g6+- 4.68/19 and White stays clearly on top.]
62...Kf3 1.98/28
[62...Kxg4± 0.94/20 was worth a try. 63.Rg2+ Kf5]
63.Re8? 0.10/19
[63.Re7+- 1.98/28]
63...Kxg4= 64.g6? -7.18/18
[64.Rf8= 0.16/25]



64...Ra2+!-+ 65.Kh1
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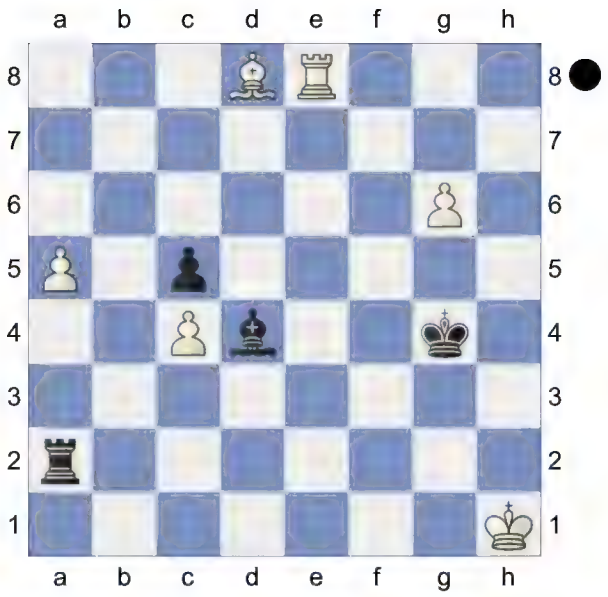

What a bad dream for White.
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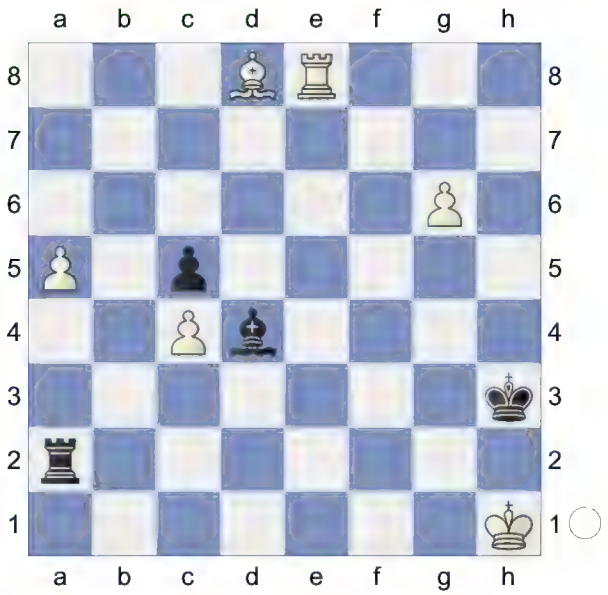
65...Kh3!
[Weaker is 65...Ra1+ 66.Kg2±]



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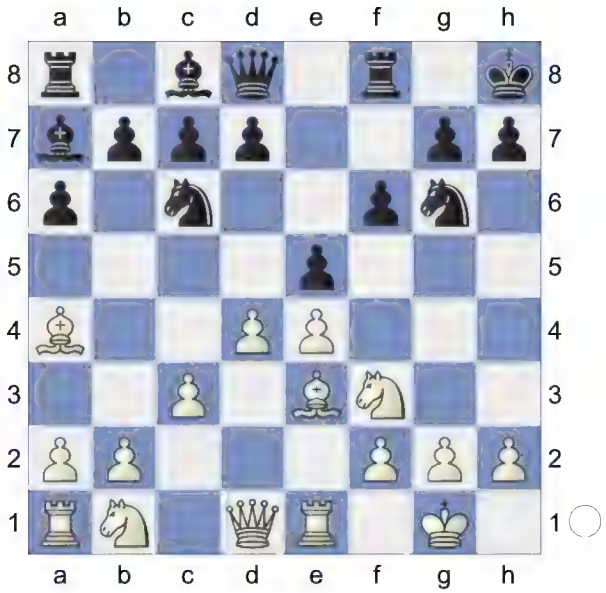
46 **C70**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2769**
■ **Kasimdzhanov,Rustam** **2685**
2. Rustam Kasimdzhanov Cup 2024 (8)
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

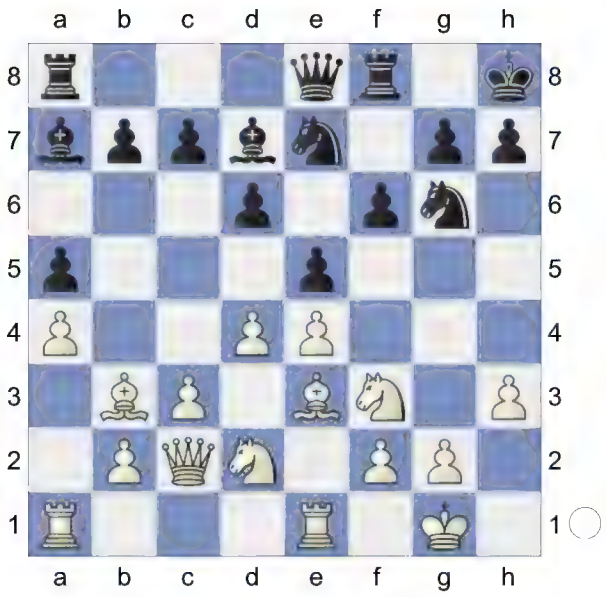
6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Re1 Kh8

(Diagram)



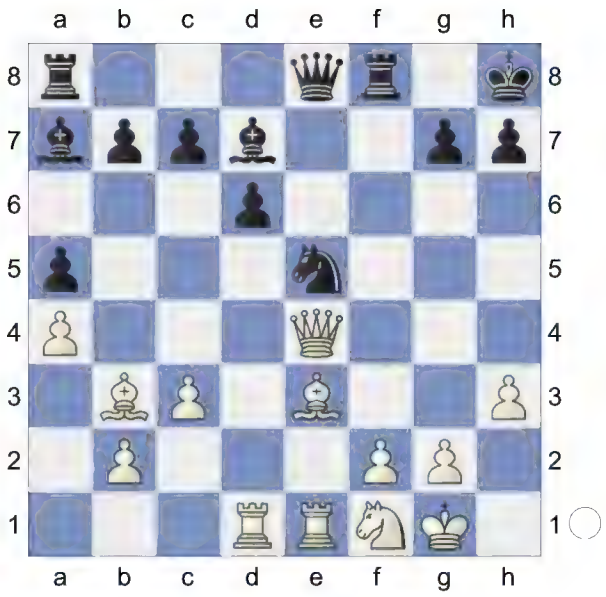
11.h3
[11.Nbd2 d6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Rc1 Nce7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.c4 exd4 16.Nxd4 f5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qxf5 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.Qf3 Raa8 21.Qxf5 Rxf5 22.Rc3 Raf8 23.f3 Re5 24.Rxe5 Nxe5 25.Kf2 Kg8 ½-½ (39) Hou,Y (2633)-Koneru,H (2530) London TechM GCL rapid 2024 (7.1)]
11...Nce7 12.Bb3 d6 0.61/19
[12...d5= 0.24/20]
13.Nbd2± Bd7N
[13...h6 14.Nf1 f5 15.dxe5 fxe4 16.exd6 exf3 17.dxe7 Qxe7 18.Ng3 Qh4 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.Bc2 Qg5 21.Qd3 Bf5 22.Qd4 Bxc2 23.Qxa7 Nf4 24.Qe3 Qh4 25.Qe7 Rf6 26.Qd7 fxg2 27.Re8+ Kh7 28.Kh2 0-1 Bernasek,J (2396)-A,S (2485) 125/42 Biel 2015 (9) Bf5]
14.a4 Qe8 15.Qc2 -0.02/18
[15.Qe2± 0.37/19]
15...a5 0.39/17
[15...Bc6= -0.02/18]

(Diagram)

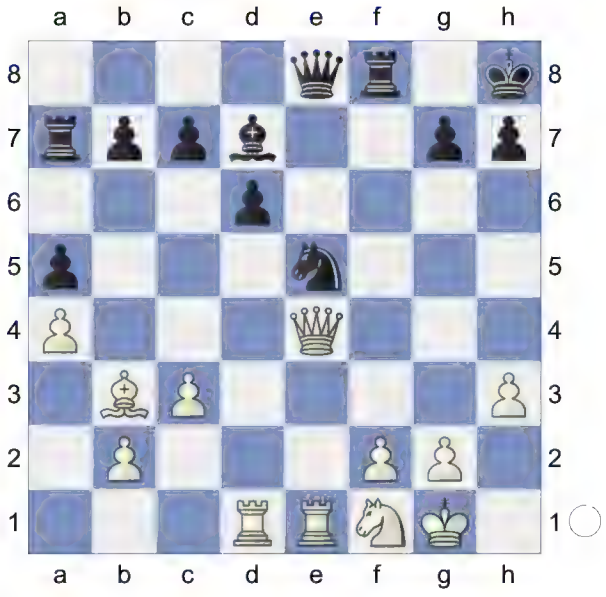


16.Rad1 -0.08/19
[16.Nc4± 0.39/17 should be considered.]
16...Nc6 0.50/19
[Black should play 16...Bc6!= -0.08/19]
17.Nf1 f5 18.dxe5 -0.16/20
[Better is 18.exf5!± 0.51/21 Bxf5 19.Qe2]
18...fxe4 0.78/19 White leaves nothing to chance now. **19.Qxe4±** Hoping for Bxa7. **19...Ngxe5** 1.86/22
[19...Bxe3± 0.78/22 keeps fighting.
A) 20.Nxe3
A1) 20...Ncxe5 21.Nxe5 *(21.Qxb7? loses. Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Rb8-+)* 21...Nxe5;
A2) 20...Rf4±;
B) 20.Rxe3 Ncxe5]
20.Nxe5 1.43/20
[20.Ng5+- 1.86/22 Bf5 21.Qh4 Bxe3 22.Nxe3]
20...Nxe5

(Diagram)



21.Bxa7!→ White is out for blood.
[21.Qxb7 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 *(22.Nxe3 Rb8∓)* 22...Bxa4=]
21...Rxa7 3.30/20
[⌓21...Bc6 2.30/18 22.Qd4 Bf3]



22.Qd4!+- Ra6

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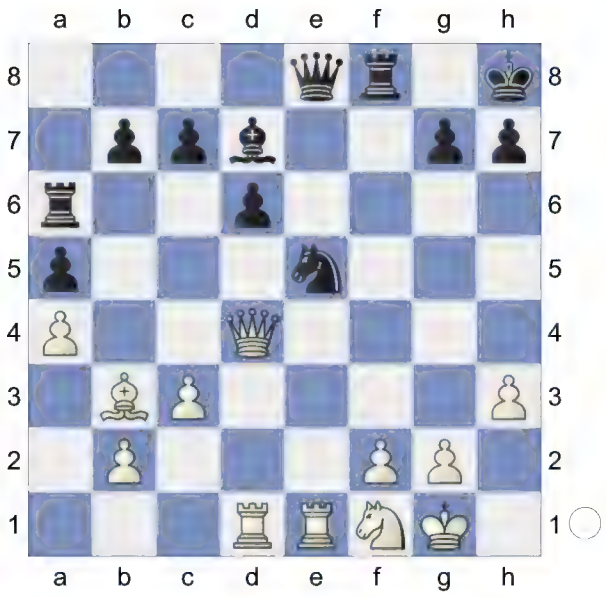
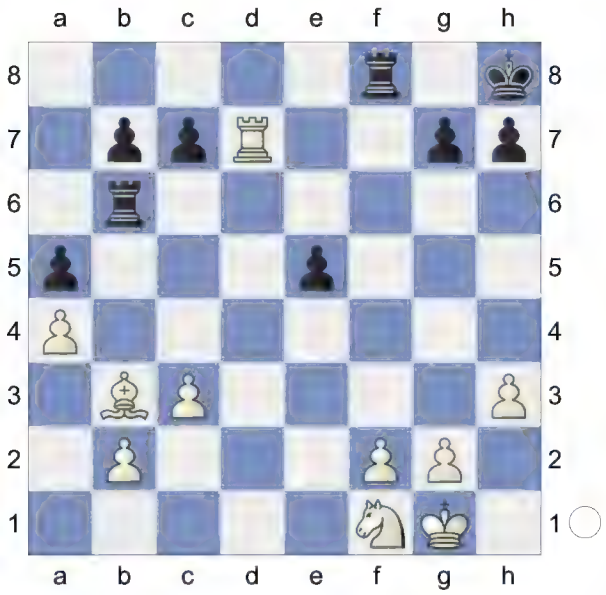


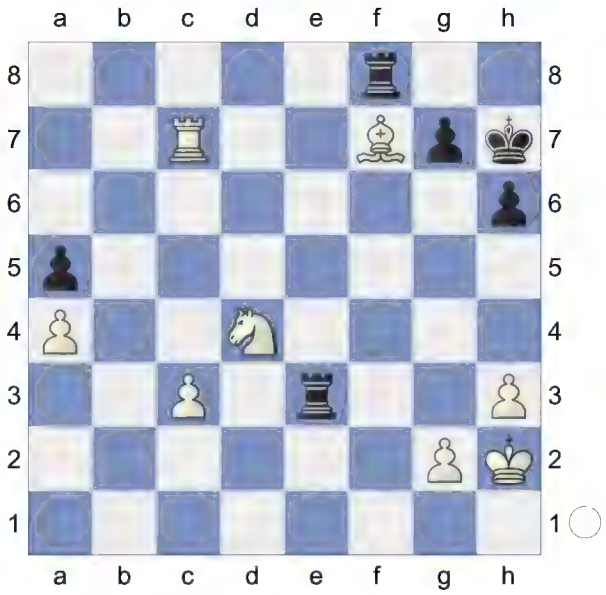
23.Rxe5! Remove Defender **23...dxe5 24.Qxd7 Qxd7 25.Rxd7 Rb6**



26.Nd2 e4 27.Rxc7 h6 28.Bc4 e3 29.fxe3 Rxb2 30.Nf3 Re8

(Diagram)

31.Bf7 Rf8 32.Nd4 Rb1+ 33.Kh2 Re1 34.Rxb7 Rxe3 35.Rc7 Kh7



36.Bd5 Rf4 37.Ne6 White is clearly winning. **37...Rxa4 38.Nf8+ Kh8 39.Ng6+ Kh7 40.Bf7** Rc8 would kill now. **40...h5**

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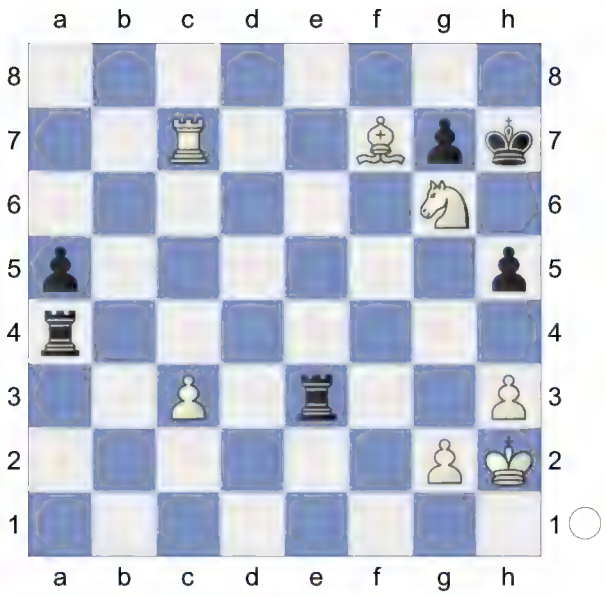

41.Rc8 Kh6

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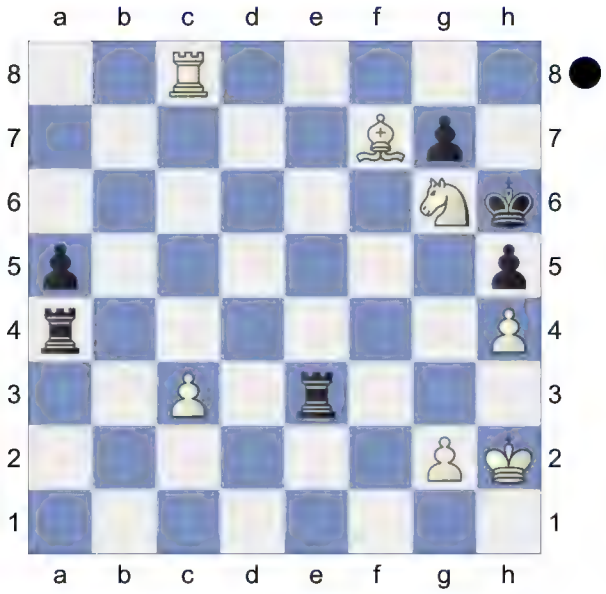
42.h4



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47 **C70**

□ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2619**

■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2681**

MPL Indian Chess Tour #2 rapid (10.4)

[Kitty Kat]

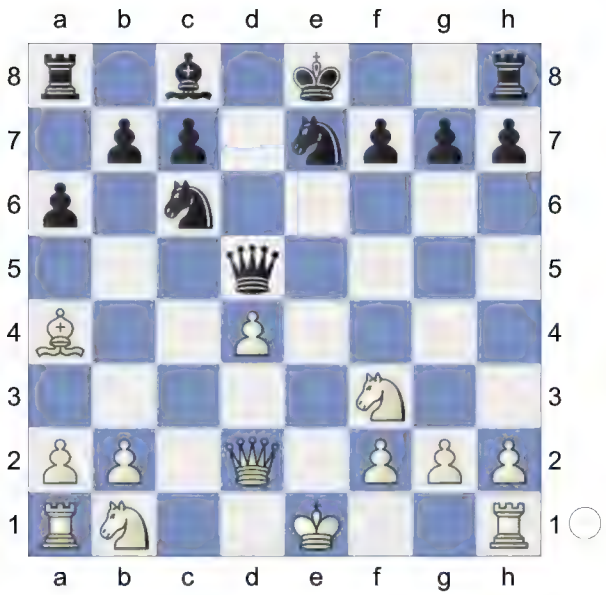
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2

White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Qxd5**

(Diagram)



11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Qe3 0-0 13.0-0 Qd6 14.Bxc6N 0.11/20

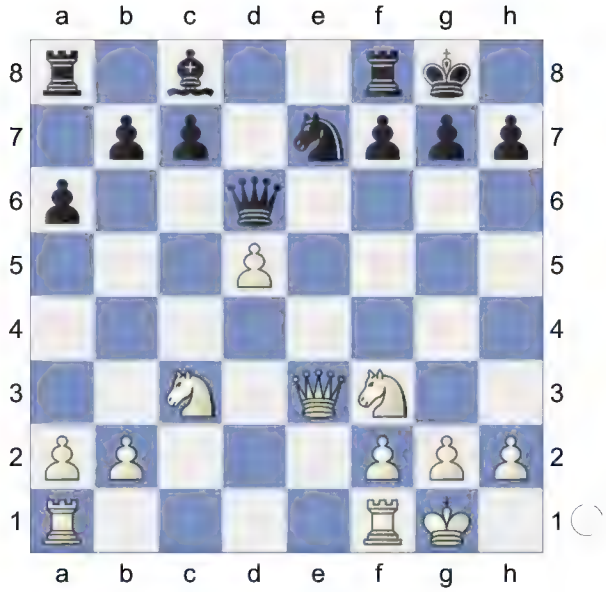
[14.Rad1⩲ 0.60/17

A) 14...Nb4 15.Ne4 *(15.Ne5 Nbd5 16.Qf3 Nxc3 17.bxc3 c6 18.c4 Ng6 19.Rfe1 Qb4 20.Bb3 Nxe5 21.Rxe5 Be6 22.Qe2 b5 23.d5 bxc4 24.dxe6 cxb3 25.e7 Rfe8 26.axb3 Qxb3* Line 2 5.c3 Nge7 6.d4-11.Nc3 2022*)* 15...Qd8 16.Qd2 Nbd5 17.Ne5 Bf5 (18) 5) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-5 | 6.d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Dxd2 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch;

B) 14...Be6 15.Ng5 Nd5 16.Qd3 g6 17.Nce4 Qe7 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Bb3 Nce7 20.Rfe1 Rad8 21.h4 h5 22.Ng5 Qf6 23.Qg3 c6 24.Ne4 Qg7 25.Nc5 Nf5 26.Qg5 b6 27.Ne4 Kh8 28.Bxd5 Rxd5 29.Nf6 1-0 (103) Safarli,E (2609)-Deac,B (2696) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early blitz 2025 (10)]

[14.Ne4 Qb4 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.d5 Ne7 17.a3 Qb6 18.Qxb6 cxb6 (19) 5) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-5 | 6.d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Dxd2 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]

14...Nxc6= 15.d5 Ne7



16.Rad1 Bg4 17.h3 Bh5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Rfe1 Rae8 20.Qe5 Qd8

21.Qg3 Nc8 22.Ne5 Nd6 23.h4 -0.49/22

[23.Kg2= 0.00/23 should be considered.]

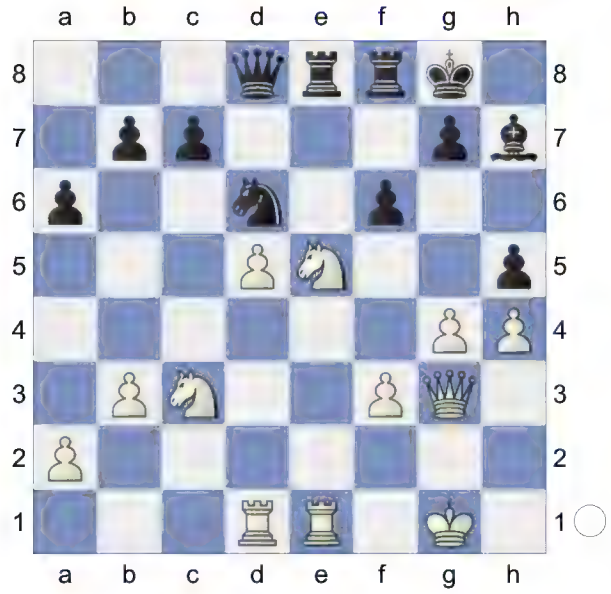
23...h5 24.f3 -0.90/21

[24.Nxg6= -0.28/19 fxg6 25.Re6]

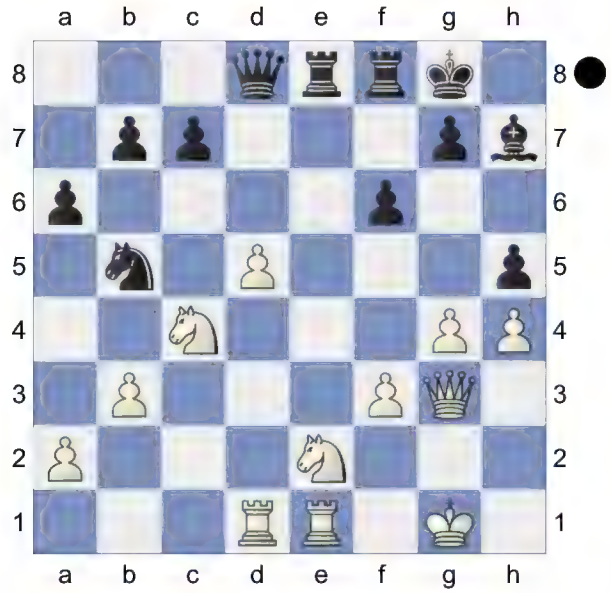
24...Bh7 -0.10/18

[24...Re7∓ -0.90/21]

25.b3 -0.97/19
[25.gxh5= -0.10/18 Nf5 26.Qg4]
25...f6 -0.51/19
[25...hxg4∓ -0.97/19 26.fxg4 Re7]



26.Nc4∓ Nb5 27.Ne2



Rxe2! Decoy **28.Rxe2 Nc3! 29.Red2 Nxd1 30.Rxd1 hxg4**

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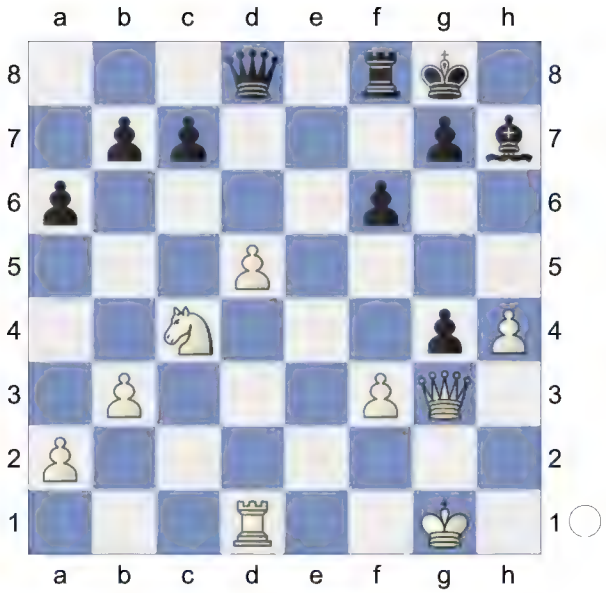
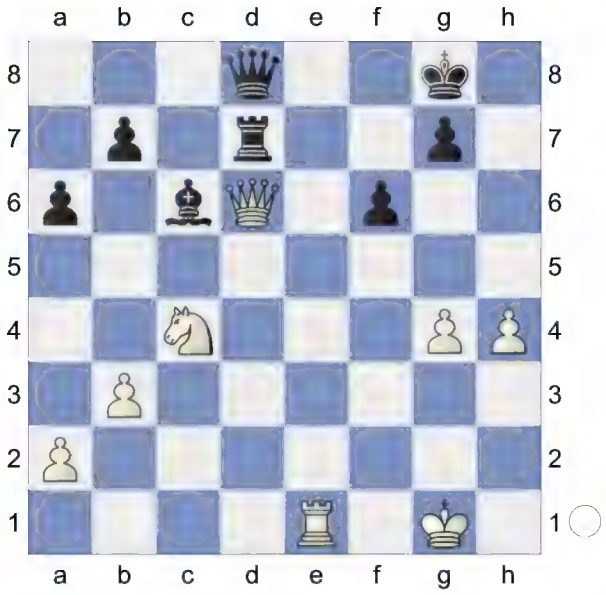
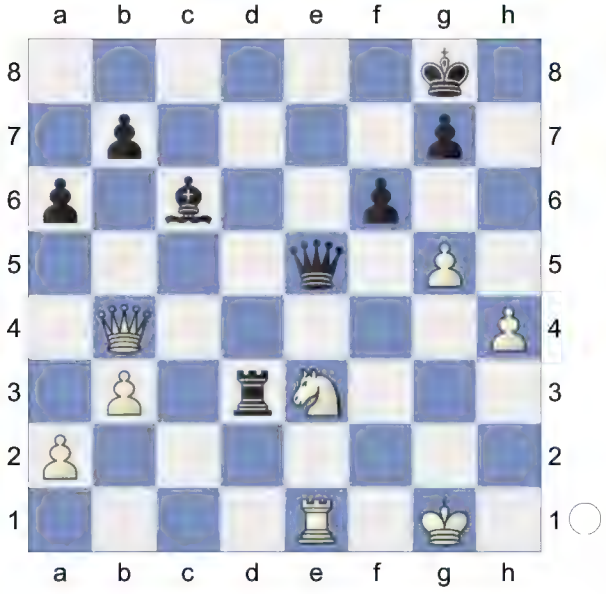


31.fxg4 -0.79/20
[31.Qxg4= -0.24/21 Qe7 32.Qe6+ Qxe6 33.dxe6]
31...Be4 -0.07/20
[31...b5!∓ -0.79/20 32.Ne3 Re8]
32.d6= Bc6 33.Re1
[33.dxc7? Qxd1+ 34.Kf2 Qd4+ 35.Qe3 Qxg4-+]
33...Rf7
[33...cxd6 simplifies 34.Qxd6 Qxd6 35.Nxd6 Rd8]
34.dxc7 Rxc7 35.Qd6 -1.18/21
[35.Nd6!= -0.14/21 remains equal.]
35...Rd7∓

(Diagram)



36.Qe6+ Kf8 37.g5 Rd3 -0.70/19
[37...fxg5? 38.Rf1++-]
[37...Re7!∓ -1.16/22 38.Qxe7+ Qxe7 39.Rxe7 Kxe7 40.gxf6+ Kxf6]
38.Ne3∓ Qc7
[38...fxg5? 39.Rf1++-]
39.Qg4 Against Qg3+ **39...Qe5** -0.46/22
[39...Qd6∓ -0.91/18 Strongly threatening ...Rd2. 40.g6 Be8 *(40...Bd7 41.Qh5∓)*]
40.Qb4+ Kg8!



41.Qc4+

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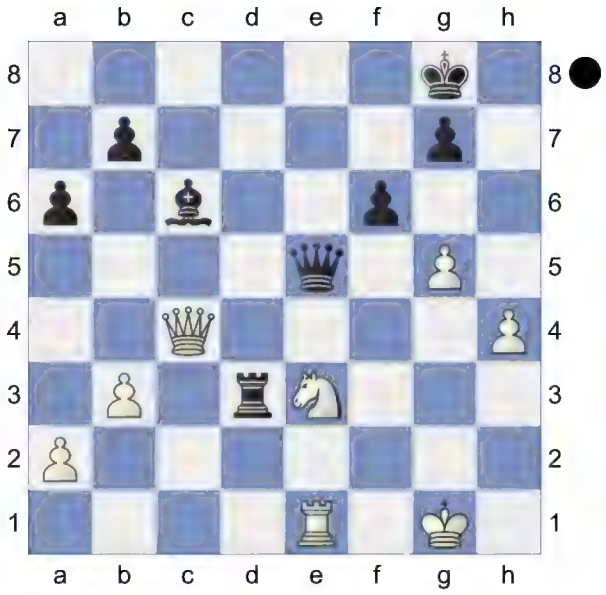
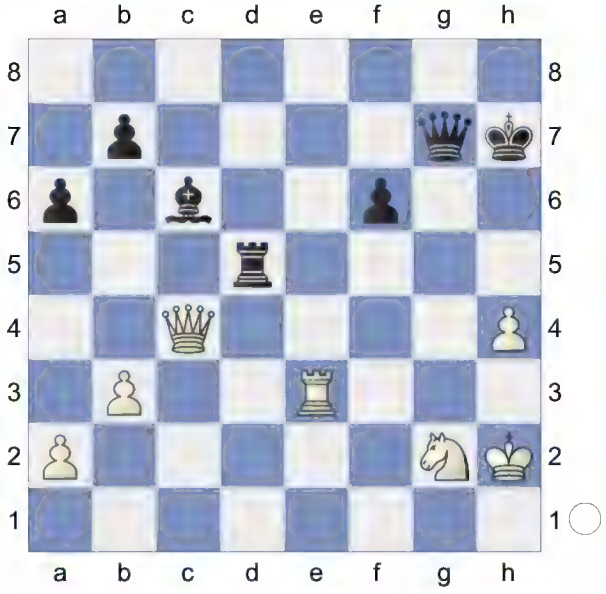


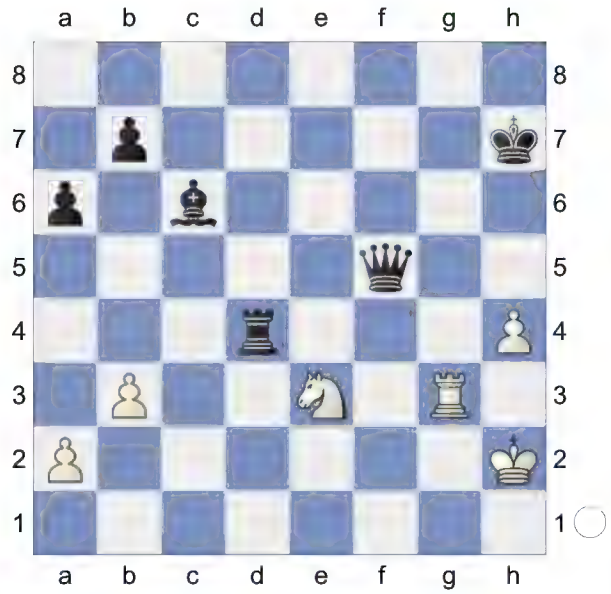
Rd5 -0.03/23 **42.gxf6=** **Qg3+ 43.Ng2 gxf6 44.Re3⇄** White is not holding back
44...Qg7 0.39/19
[44...Qd6= -0.03/24]
45.Kh2 0.00/22
[45.Rd3!± 0.39/19 Qd7 *(45...b5? 46.Qxc6 Rxd3 47.Qe8+ Kh7 48.Qe4+ Qg6 49.Qxg6+ Kxg6 50.Nf4+ Kf5 51.Nxd3+-)* 46.Ne3 Pin Qg7+ 47.Kf2]
45...Kh7



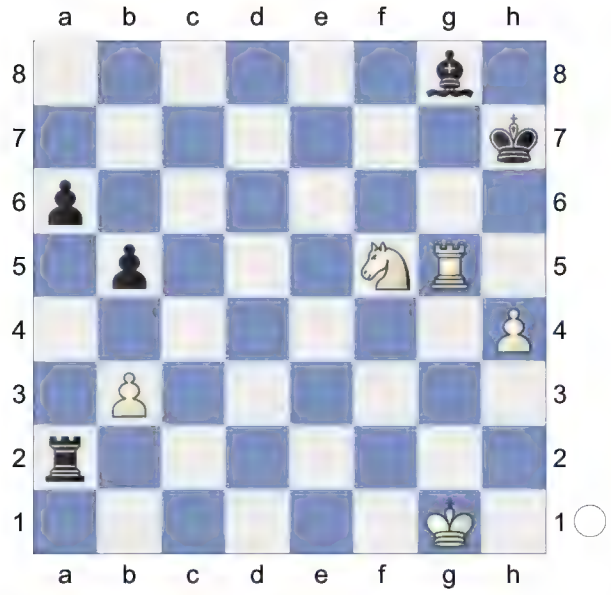
The position is equal. **46.Rg3 Qf7 47.Qe4+ f5 48.Qf4 Qf6 49.Ne3 Rd4**

[49...Rd2+ seems wilder. 50.Kh3 Bd7 51.Rg5 Qc3]

50.Qxf5+ Qxf5



51.Nxf5 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **51...Rd2+ 52.Kg1 Rxa2 53.Nd4 Bd5 54.Rg5 Bg8 55.Nf5 b5**

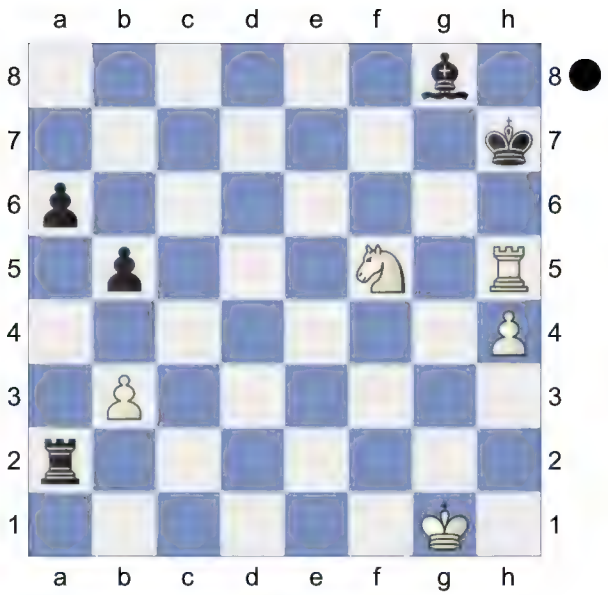


56.Rh5+ Kg6 57.Rg5+ Kh7 58.Rh5+ Kg6 59.Rg5+ Kh7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

60.Rh5+

(Diagram)



½-½

48 **C64**

□ **Marosi,Gyorgy** **2760**

■ **Intro Be3** **2678**

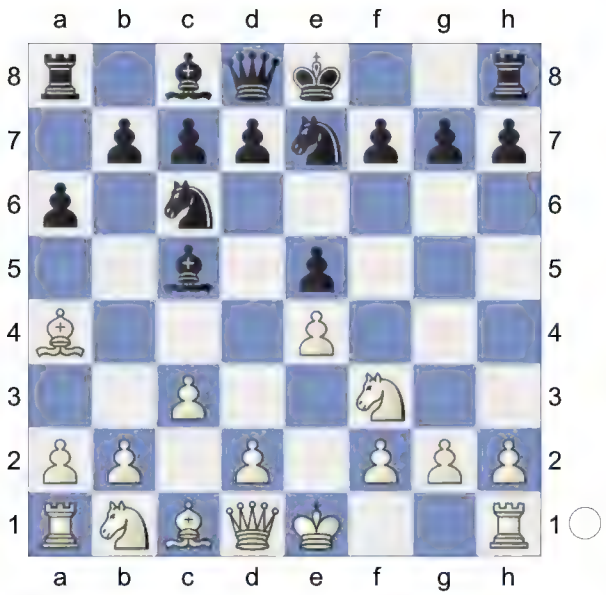
Meltwater Indian Qualfier rapid (4)

[Kitty Kat]

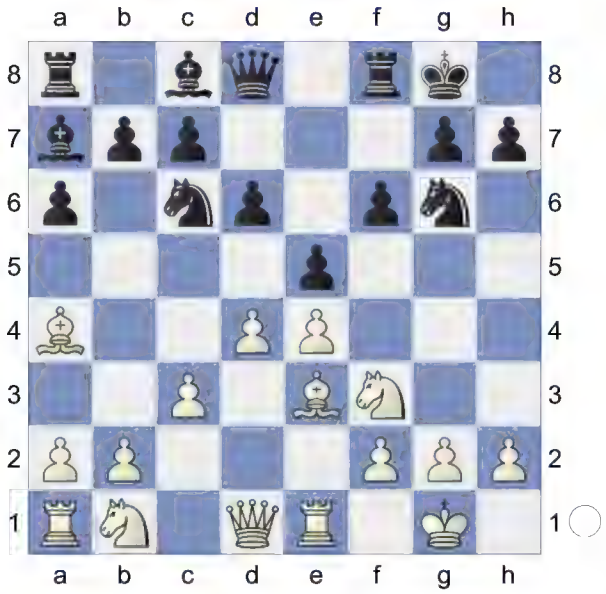
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

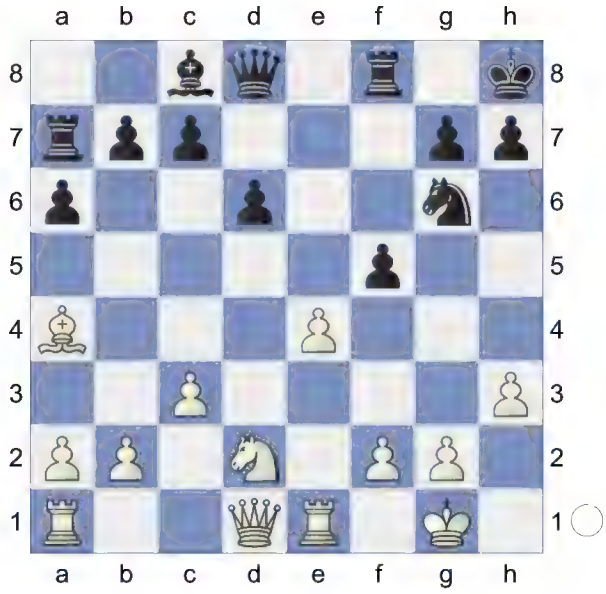
(Diagram)



6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0 10.Re1 d6**

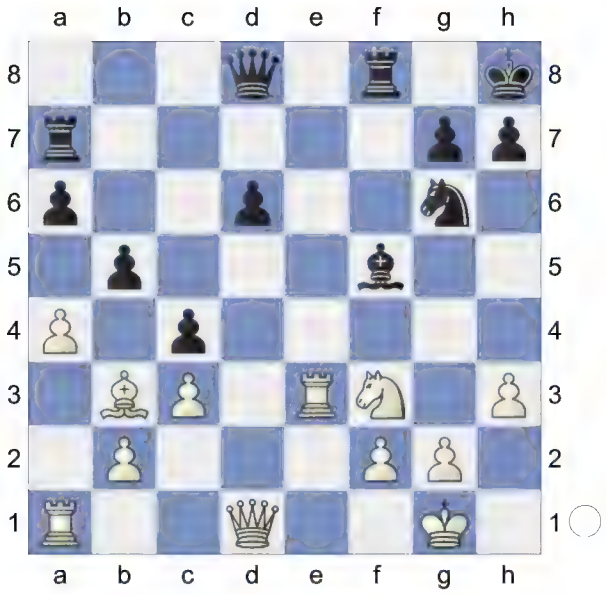


11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.h3 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 0.09/23
[14.cxd4± 0.48/22 is superior. c6 *(14...Be6 15.Nf3 d5 16.Bc2 c6 17.e5 f5 18.Bg5 Qd7 19.Qd2 Rae8 20.h4 h6 21.h5 Ne7 22.Bf6 Ng8 23.Bh4 Qf7 24.Qb4 Rb8 25.Qd6 Bb6 26.Bg3 Bc7 27.Qa3 Qxh5 28.Kf1 f4 29.Ke2* 0-1 (56) Lancman, K (2150)-Dyachuk,A (2308) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (6) *)* 15.Qh5 *(15.Bc2 Be6 16.Nf3 Qd7 17.d5 Bg8 18.Bxa7 Rxa7 19.dxc6 bxc6* ½-½ Baglan,E (2336)-Blagojevic,D (2446) SRB-chT Central 2024 (1.2) *)*]
14...f5N and ...c5 would now be decisive
[14...Bxd4 15.cxd4 f5 16.e5 b5 17.Bc2 Bb7 18.Nf3 Nf4 (19) Schnellstarter Kapitel-QS | 13A | 6.O-O: 8.Lg5 Haupt Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]
15.Bxa7 Rxa7

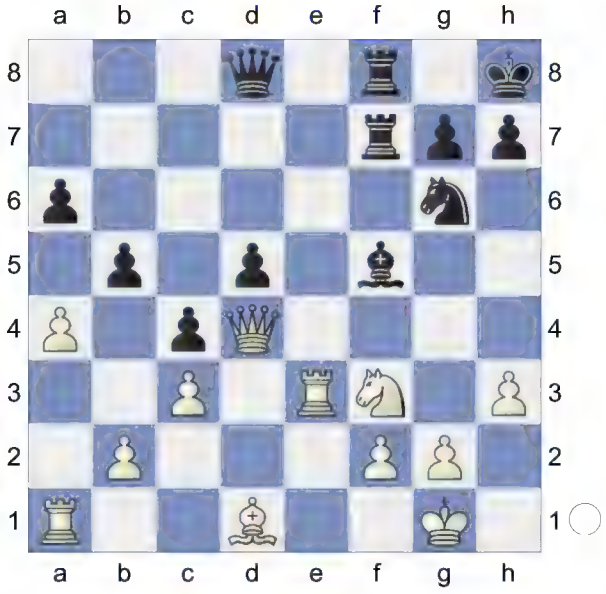


16.Nf3 -0.22/20
[⌓16.Bc2 0.27/21]
16...fxe4= 17.Rxe4 Bf5 0.43/20
[Black should play 17...c5= -0.22/20]
18.Re3± b5 19.Bb3 c5 20.a4 c4 0.88/21
[20...Re7± 0.34/19]

(Diagram)



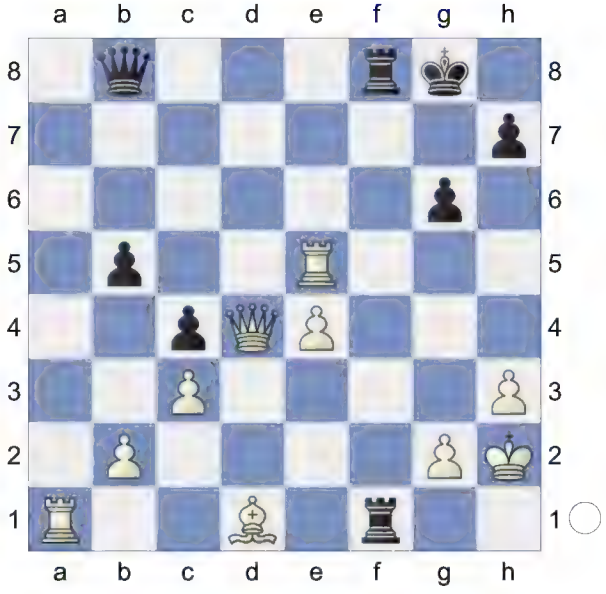
21.Qd4!± Raf7 22.Bd1 d5 1.37/20
[⌓22...h6 0.76/19]



23.axb5! axb5 24.Ne5 White is more active. **24...Nxe5 25.Rxe5 Be4**

(Diagram)

26.f3 Rf4 This costs Black the game.
27.fxe4 Rf1+ 28.Kh2 Qb8 29.Qxd5
[29.exd5 R1f4=]
29...g6 4.39/22
[29...h6 2.84/22 was necessary.
30.Qxb5 Qd6]
30.Qd4 Kg8



31.Qd5+ Kh8 32.Qd4 Kg8 33.Ra5 Rxd1

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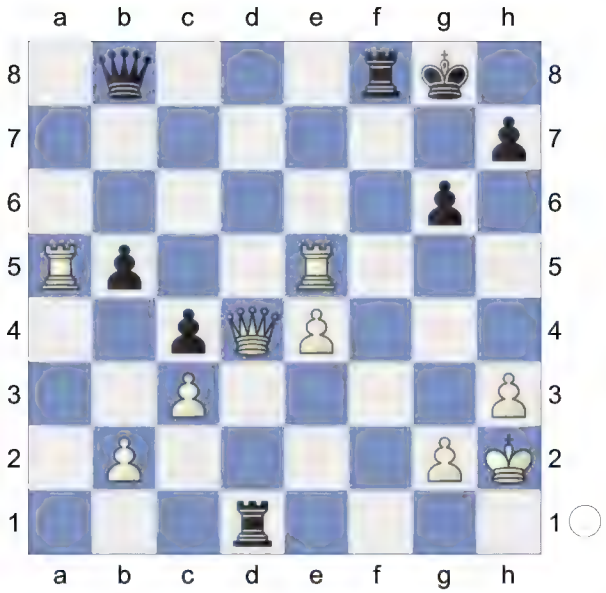
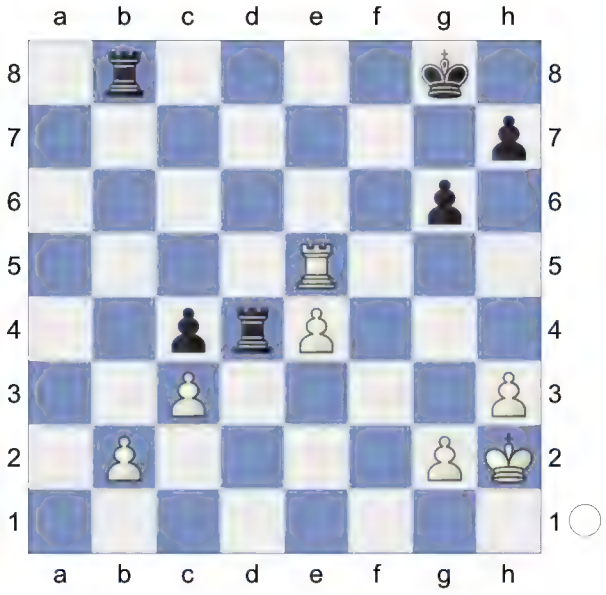


34.Raxb5! Rxd4 35.Rxb8 Rxb8



36.cxd4 Rxb2+- Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **37.Rc5 Rb4 38.d5 c3 39.e5**

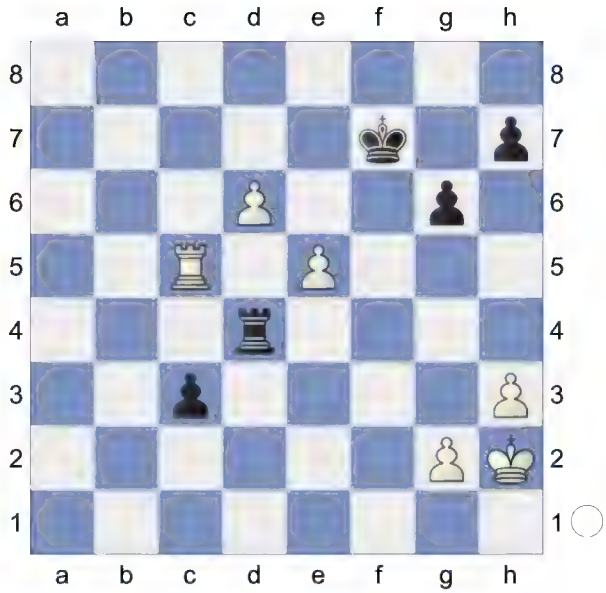
[39.Rxc3 Rxe4 40.Rd3 Kf7=]

39...Rd4 40.d6

[And not 40.Rxc3 Rxd5 41.Rc8+ Kf7±]

40...Kf7

(Diagram)



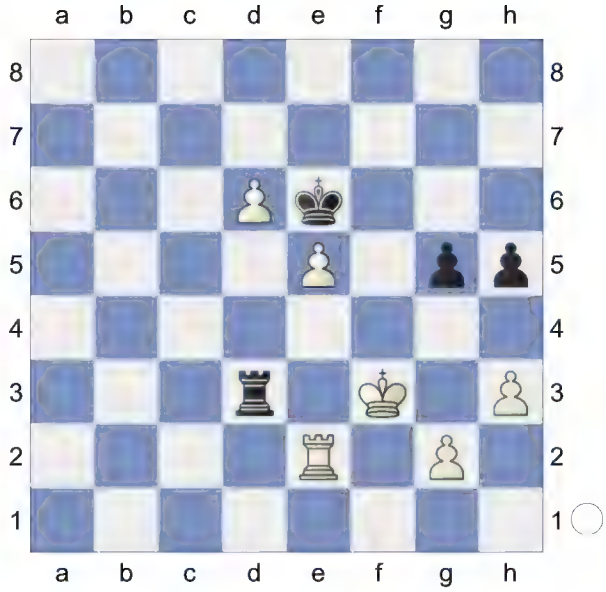
41.Rxc3 Ke6 42.Re3 g5 6.52/22

[⌓42...Rd5 4.51/24 43.Kg3 Rd4]

43.Kg3 h5 6.96/22

[⌓43...h6 4.71/18 44.Re2 h5]

44.Kf3 Rd2 45.Re2 Rd3+



46.Kf2

[Weaker is 46.Ke4 Rd5+-]

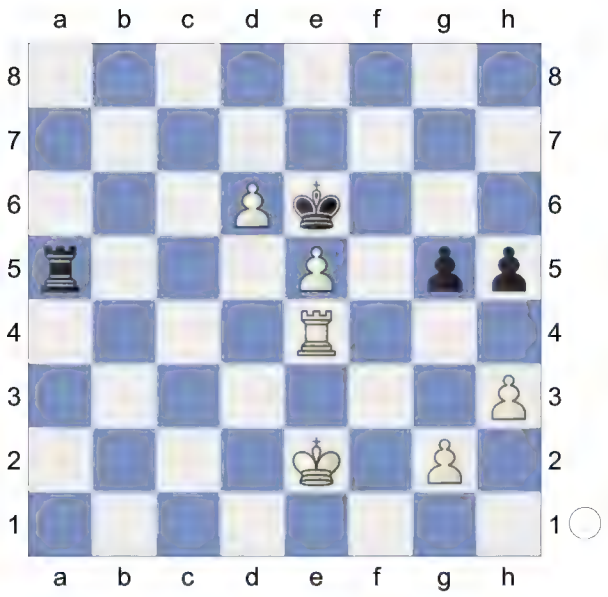
46...Rd1 7.18/23

[⌓46...Rd4 4.14/20 47.Re3 Rb4]

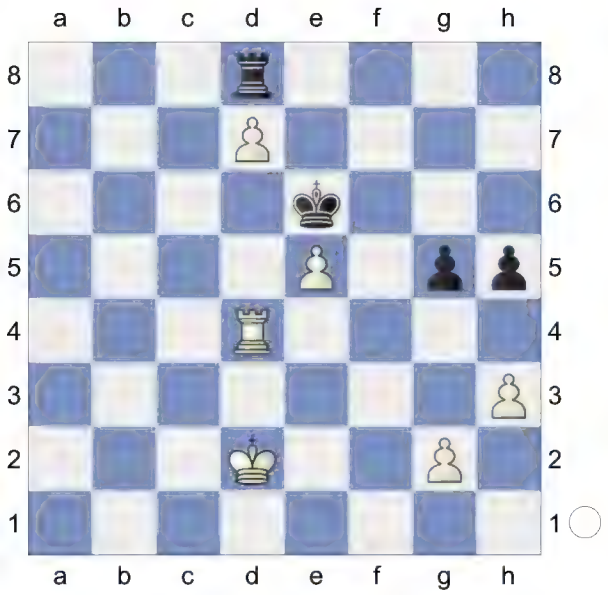
47.Re3 White is clearly winning.

47...Rd2+ 48.Ke1 Rd4 49.Ke2 Rd5 50.Re4 Ra5

(Diagram)



51.Kf3 Rd5 52.Ke3 Ra5 53.Kd2 Rc5 54.Rd4 Rc8 55.d7 Rd8

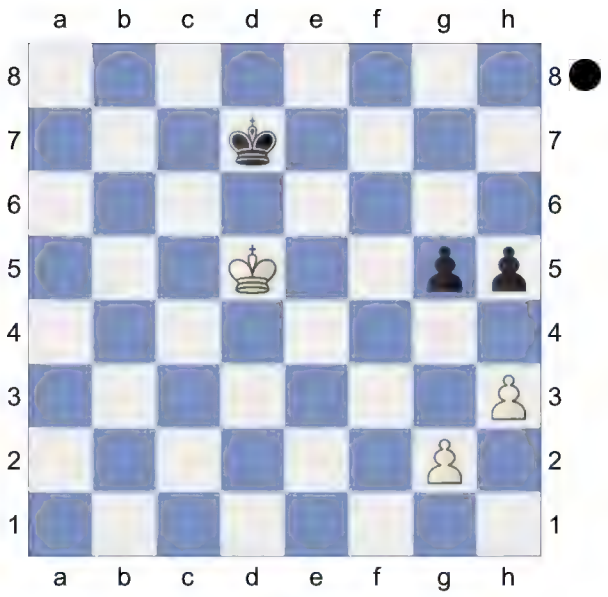


56.Kd3 Kxe5 57.Kc4 Ke6 58.Kc5 aiming for Kc6. **58...Rxd7 59.Rxd7 Kxd7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.37

60.Kd5

(Diagram)



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49 **C70**

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2804**

■ **Kasimdzhanov,Rustam** **2675**

FIDE World Rapid Team (12.3) 13.06.25

[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

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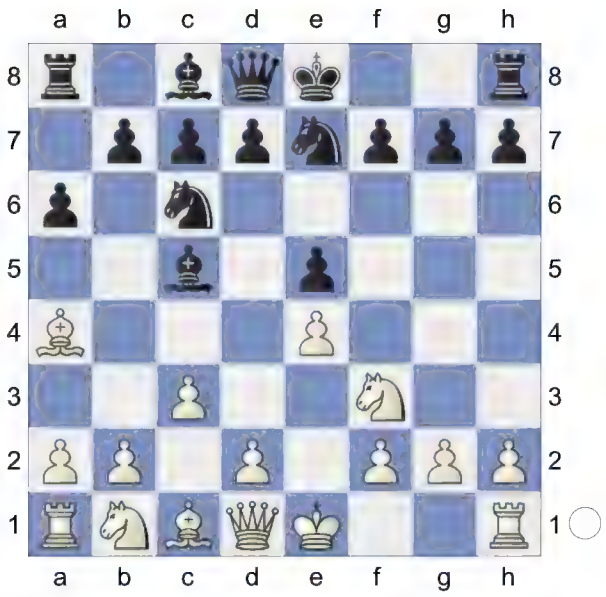
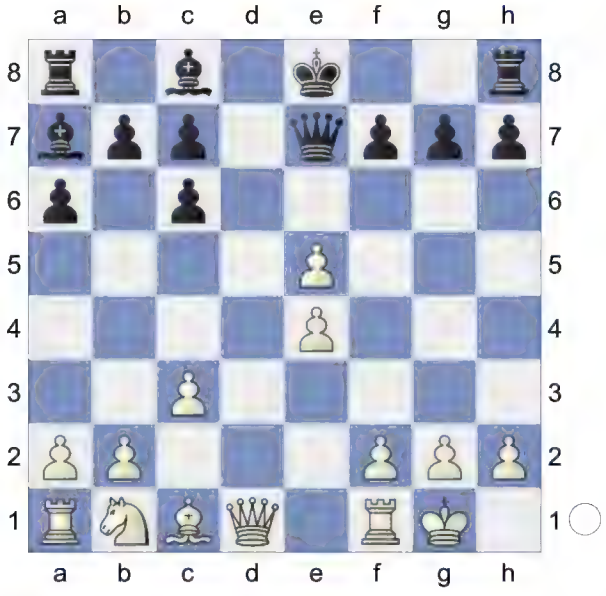


6.0-0 Hoping for d4. **6...Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bxc6 dxc6** White is slightly better. **9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qe7**



11.Qf3 Qxe5 12.Bf4 Qe7 13.Qg3! Repels g5 **13...0-0 14.Nd2 Bb6 15.Nc4N** 0.07/21

[White should play 15.Rae1± 0.60/23 Be6 16.e5 Bf5 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Qe6 19.Rfe1 Rad8 20.h4 h6 21.Bc1 f5 22.exf6 Qxf6 23.Rf4 Qd6 24.Kf1 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Qf3 Qe6 27.Bd2 Qxa2 28.g3 Qd5 29.Bc1 Bc5 30.h5 0-1 (50)

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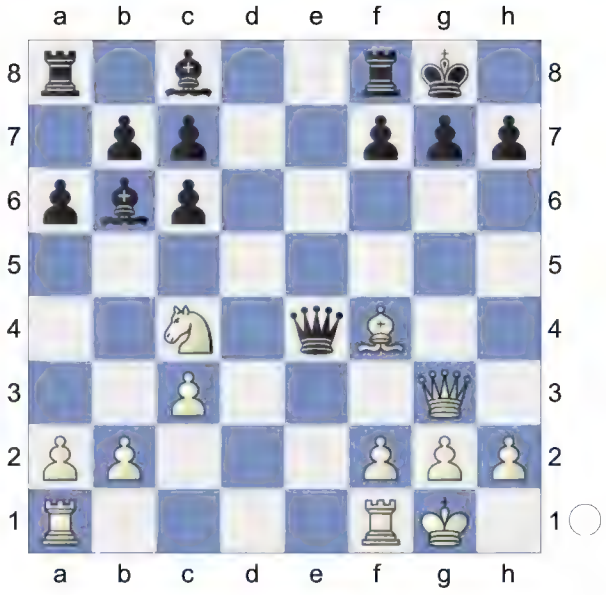
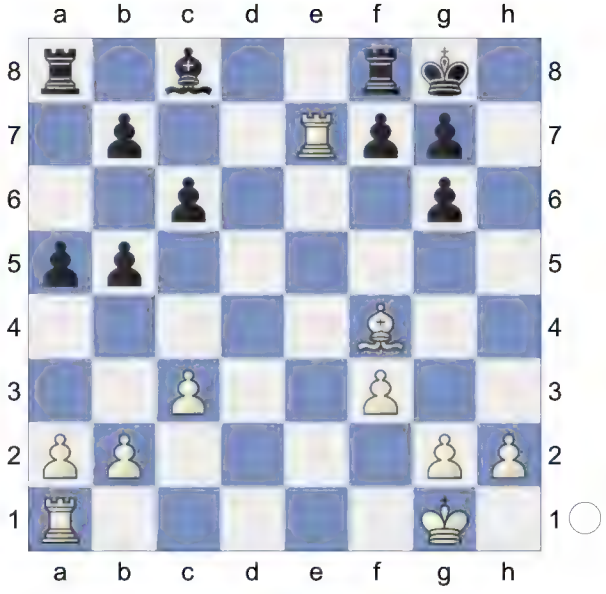
15...Qxe4=



The position is equal. **16.Nxb6 cxb6 17.Rfe1 Qg6 18.Qxg6 hxg6 19.Re7 b5 20.f3 a5**



21.a3 a4 22.Kf2 Be6 23.Rxb7 Rfe8 24.Re1 Bc4 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8

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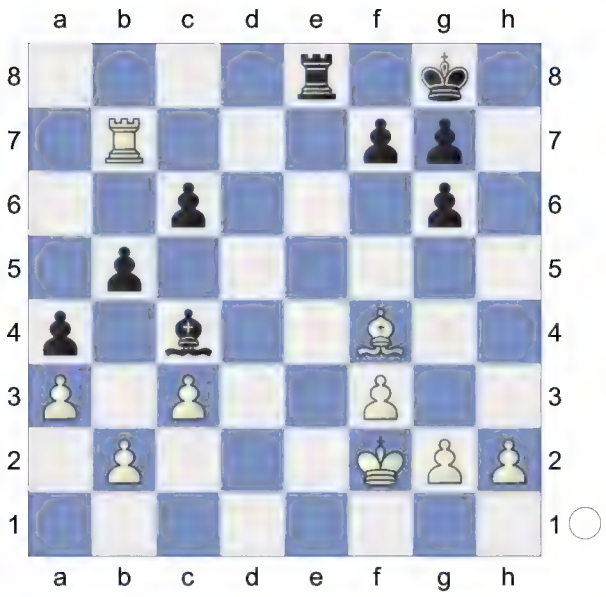
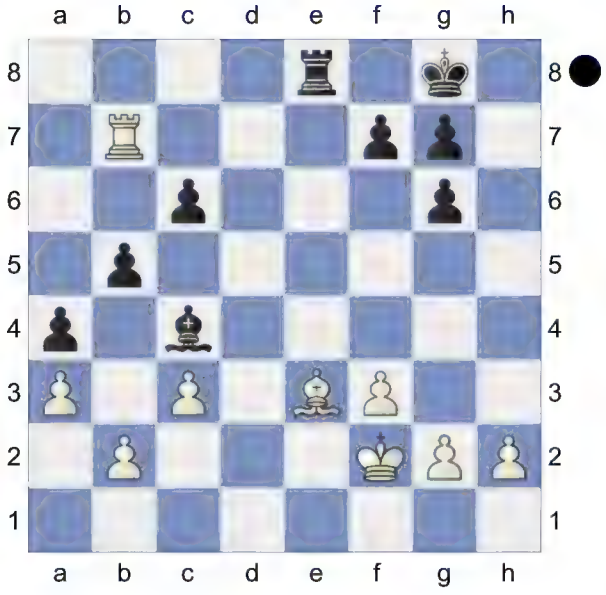


26.Be3 Rd8 27.Ke1 Re8 28.Kf2 Rd8 29.Ke1 Re8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

30.Kf2



½-½

50 **C70**

□ **Bacrot,E** **2635**

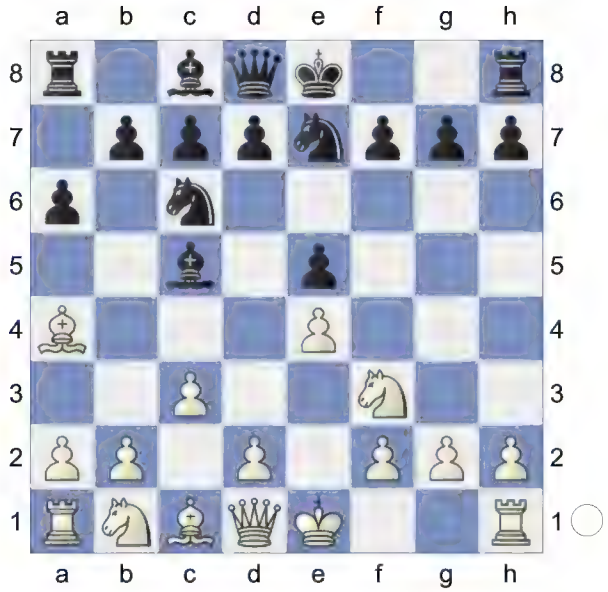
■ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2674**

TCh-ESP Div 1 2025 (2.19) 09.08.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

This was the final round of the event. I was really motivated to finish the event on a high note. My opponent was having a good tournament so far. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**

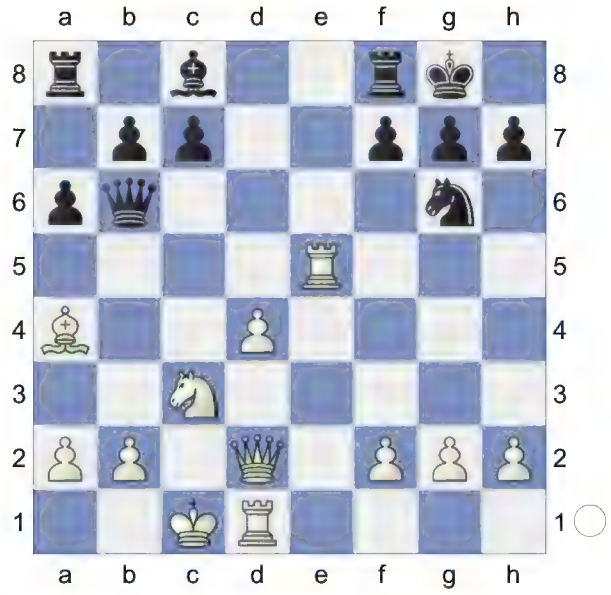


6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2

White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Qxd5**

(Diagram)

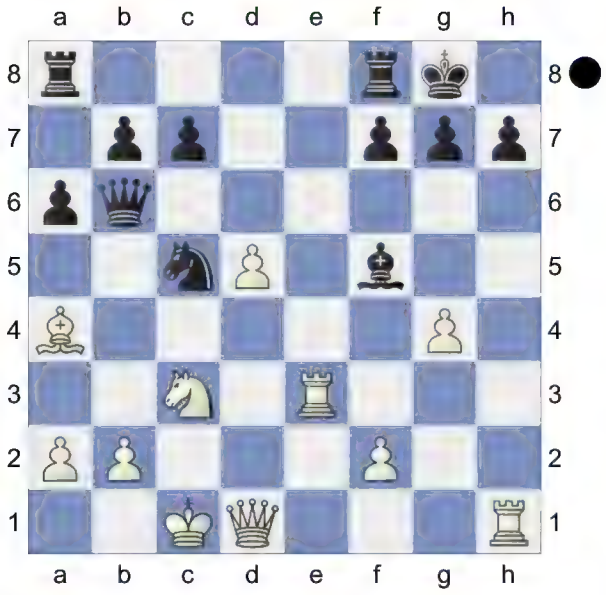
11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Ne5
[12.Kf1 Qc4+ 13.Kg1 Be6 14.Ne5 Qb4 15.a3 Qb6 16.Bxc6+ Nxc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h4 0-0-0 19.h5 Bd5 20.f3 Qf6 21.Qf2 Bb3 22.Rh4 Rhe8 23.Rg4 Qh6 24.Re1 f5 25.Rh4 Bf7 26.Kh2 Bxh5 1-0 (52) Praggnanandhaa,R (2612)-Esipenko, A (2714) Tata Steel-A 84th 2022 (13)]
12...0-0 13.0-0-0! Nxe5
[13...Nb4 14.Bb3 Nbd5 15.Rhe1 Qd6 16.Ne4 Qd8 17.h4 a5 18.h5 a4 19.Bc2 f6 20.Nf3 a3 21.b3 b6 22.Nc3 Ba6 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Nh4 Qd7 25.Nf5 Qc6 26.Re3 Rfe8 27.Rde1 Nxe3 28.fxe3 0-1 (33) Orozbaev,E (2419)-Abdsattar,A (2114) Pavlodar Nikitin Memorial 2025 (3)]
14.Rhe1 Pin **14...Qb6N**
[14...Nd3+ 15.Qxd3 Qh6+ 16.Qe3 *(16.Kb1 Bf5 17.Ne4 Qxh2* (18) 5) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-5 | 6. d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Dxd2 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*)* 16...Qxe3+ 17.fxe3 *(17.Rxe3 Nf5 18.Re5 Rd8 19.Rde1 Nd6 20.Rc5 c6 21.d5 cxd5 22.Nxd5 b5 23.Bb3 Kf8* 5) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-5 â-5 | 6.d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Dxd2 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch) 17...Ng6 18.e4 Be6 (19) Schnellstarter Kapitel-QS | 5 | 6. d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Dx Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]
15.Rxe5 Ng6



16.Re3 Bf5 17.h4 Nxh4 18.Rh1 -0.07/18
[18.Nd5± 0.37/19 was preferable. Qd6 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Nxf5 Nxf5 21.Rh3]
18...Ng6!=
[18...Nxg2? 19.Nd5 Nxe3 20.Nxb6 cxb6 21.Qxe3+- *(21.fxe3 Rac8+ 22.Kd1 b5+-)*]
19.Qd1 Nf4 Prevents Qh5. **20.g3** -1.23/18
[20.Qf3!∓ -0.42/22 Qxd4 21.Rd1]
20...Ne6∓

(Diagram)

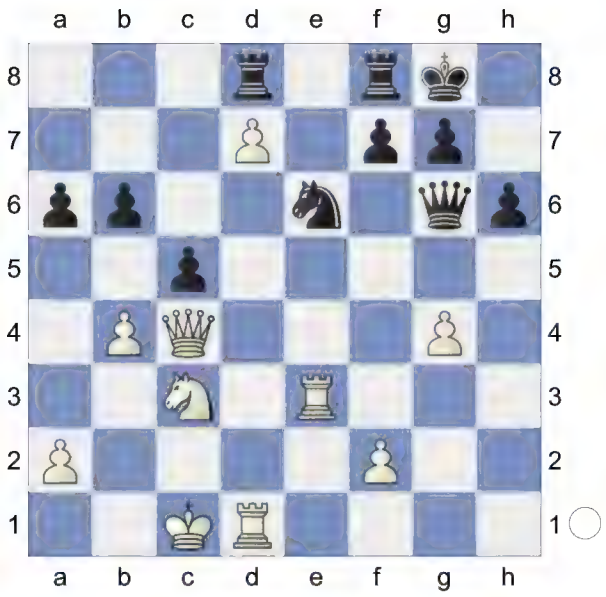
21.d5 and g4! would now be decisive
21...Nc5 -0.66/20
[21...Rad8∓ -1.57/20 ...Nd4 is the strong threat. 22.Bc2 Nd4 23.Bxf5 Nxf5]
22.g4!∓



Bg6 23.Bc2 Qf6
[23...f5 simplifies 24.d6 Qxd6 25.Qxd6 cxd6 26.b4 Nd7]
24.Qe2 -1.42/19
[White should play 24.Bxg6∓ -0.49/20 Qxg6 *(24...fxg6 25.d6∓)* 25.f4]
24...h6∓ 25.d6 -1.87/21
[25.Bxg6∓ -1.42/17 fxg6 26.f3]
25...c6 -1.12/21
[25...Qxd6 26.Rd1 Qc6 27.Nd5=]
[25...cxd6 26.Nd5 Qg5 27.Ne7+ Kh7 28.Kb1 Bxc2+ 29.Qxc2+ Kh8 30.Qc3=]
[25...Bxc2-+ -1.87/21 26.Qxc2 Qxd6 *(26...cxd6 27.Nd5±)*]

26.Bxg6 Qxg6 27.Rd1 Rad8 28.Qc4 b6 -0.71/18
[⌓28...Nd7 -1.13/18 29.Qb4 b5]
29.b4 Ne6 0.19/18
[29...Nd7∓ -0.85/20]
30.d7!= c5

(Diagram)



31.Rd6↑ White has some pressure.

31...Qf6 0.61/20

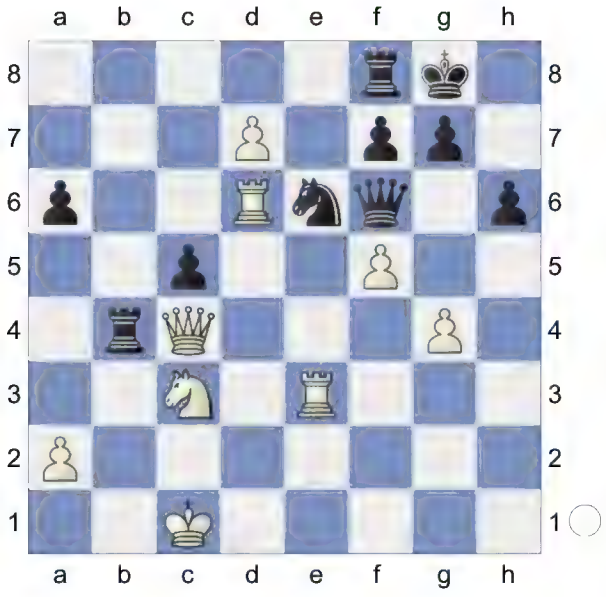
[31...b5= 0.10/18 32.Qd5 c4 *(32...cxb4 33.Ne4±; 32...Qxg4 33.bxc5 Qg1+ 34.Nd1±)*]

32.bxc5± Black is weak on the light squares **32...bxc5 33.f4 Rb8 34.f5**

[34.Rxa6 Qd4 35.Re4 *(35.Qxd4 cxd4 36.Rexe6 fxe6∓)* 35...Qxd7-+]

34...Rb4 1.18/19

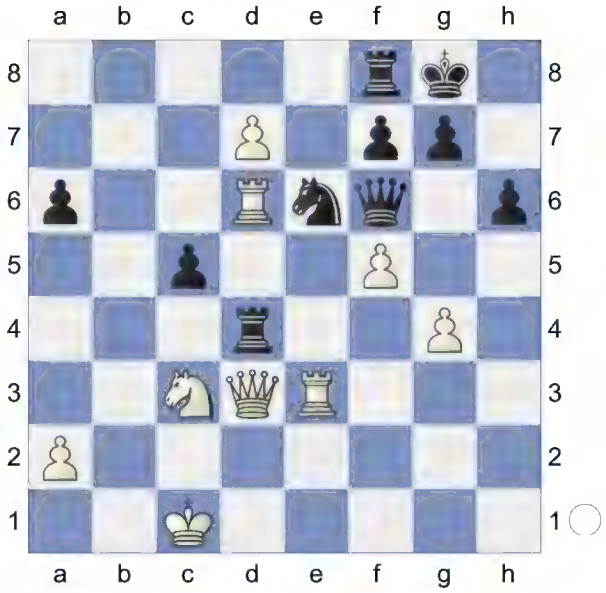
[Black should play 34...Qg5!± 0.67/22 35.Nd5 Rb4]



35.Qd3!± The board is on fire. Active counter play!

[35.Qxa6 Qg5 36.Qe2 Nd4=]

35...Rd4



36.fxe6

[36.Qxa6? Qg5 37.Rdxe6 *(37.Nd5? Nc7-+* Remove Defender*)* 37...fxe6 38.Qxe6+ Kh7-+]

36...fxe6? 4.74/19

[36...Rxd3= 0.00/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 37.Rexd3 Rd8 *(37...fxe6 38.d8R±)*]

37.Rxd4+- White is clearly winning.

[37.Qxa6 Qf2 38.Rd3 *(38.Rdxe6?* gets mated. *Qd2+ 39.Kb1 Rb4+ 40.Ka1 Qb2#)* 38...Qf4+ *(38...Rxg4? 39.d8Q+-)* 39.Kb2 *(39.Kc2 Qh2+ 40.Kc1 Qf4+ 41.Kb2 Rb8+ 42.Rb6 Rxd3±)* 39...Rb8+ *(39...Qxg4? 40.d8Q+-)* 40.Rb6 *(40.Nb5 Rxb5+ 41.Qxb5 Qxd6∓)* 40...Rxd3 41.Qxd3 *(41.Qc8+? Kh7-+)* 41...Rxb6++-]

37...cxd4

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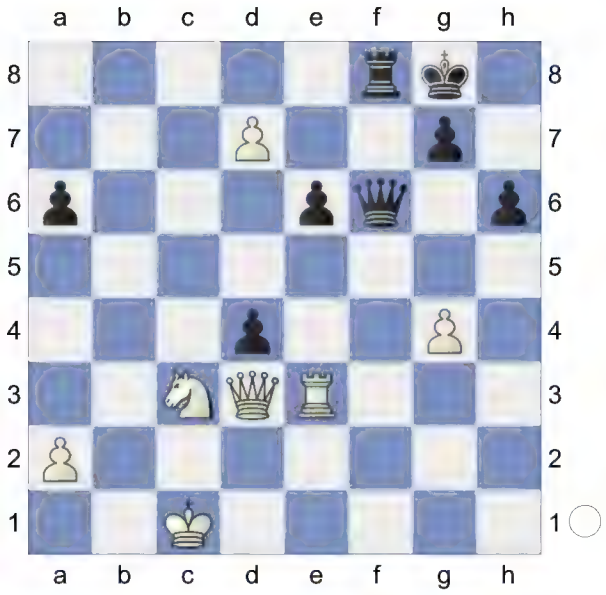
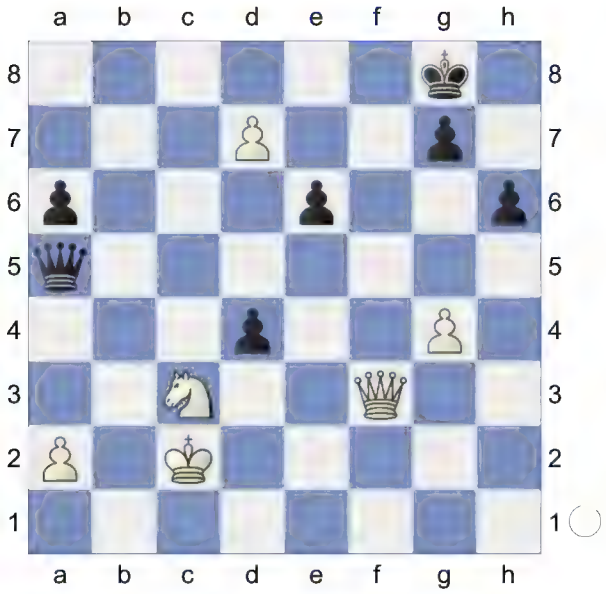
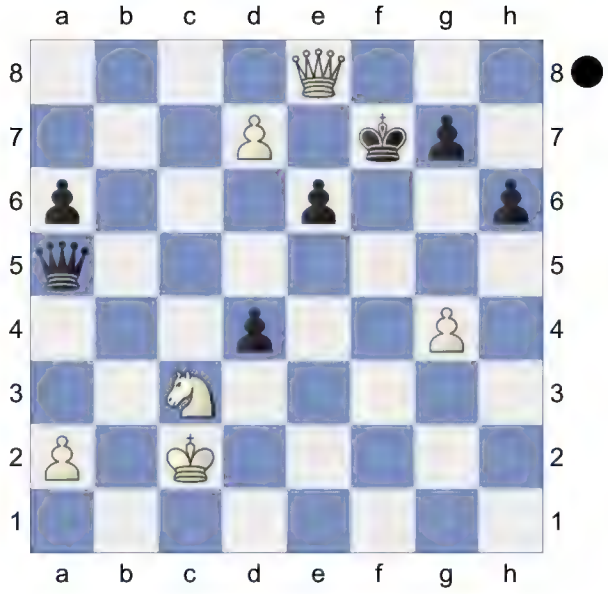


38.Rf3 Deflection, Promotion **38...Qg5+**
39.Kc2 Rxf3 7.46/21
[⌓39...Rd8 4.98/16 40.Qxd4 h5]
40.Qxf3 Qa5



41.Qa8+ Kf7 What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.55
42.Qe8+
[42.d8B Qxc3+ 43.Kd1 Qd3+ 44.Ke1 Qb1+ 45.Kf2 d3=
(45...Qxa2+ 46.Kg3∓)]



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51 **C70**
□ **MayhemPl_cluster** **2941**
■ **expositor** **2664**
Rapid 14.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6

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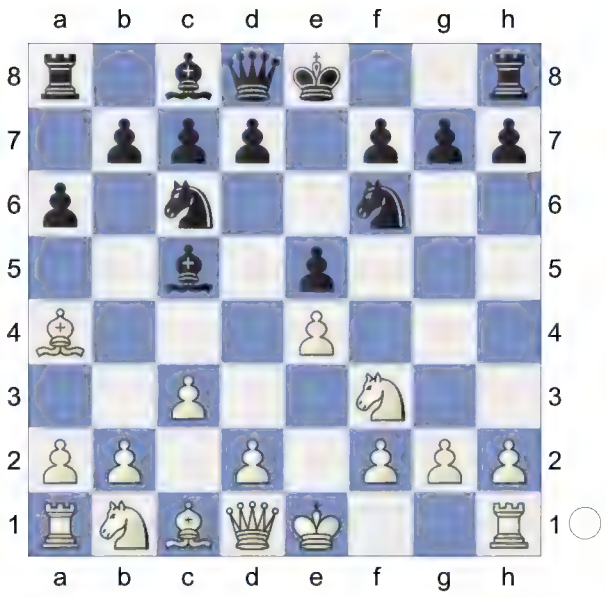


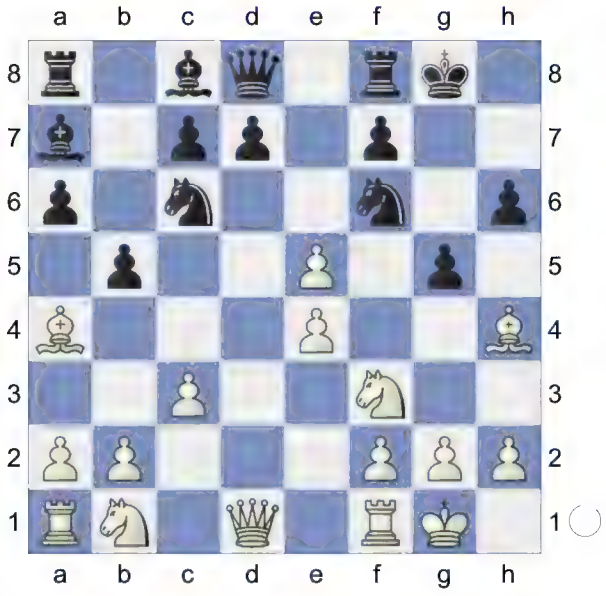
6.d4 Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5

[8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nxe4=]

8...h6 9.Bh4 b5N

[9...exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 20.Nc3 Rxb2 21.Rab1 Rxb1 22.Nxb1 Rg4 23.exd6 cxd6 24.Nc3 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]

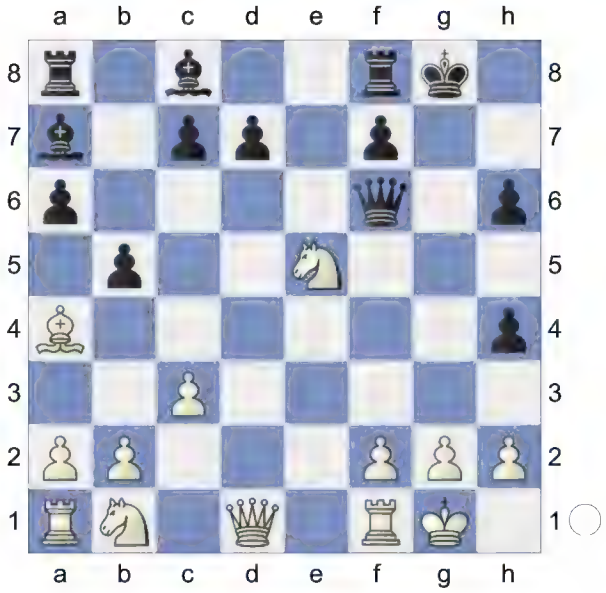
10.dxe5 White is slightly better. **10...g5!**



11.exf6 gxh4 12.e5 Nxe5? 2.24/20

[12...bxa4= 0.00/23 and Black is okay. 13.Qd2 Kh7 *(13...Nxe5? 14.Qxh6+-)*]

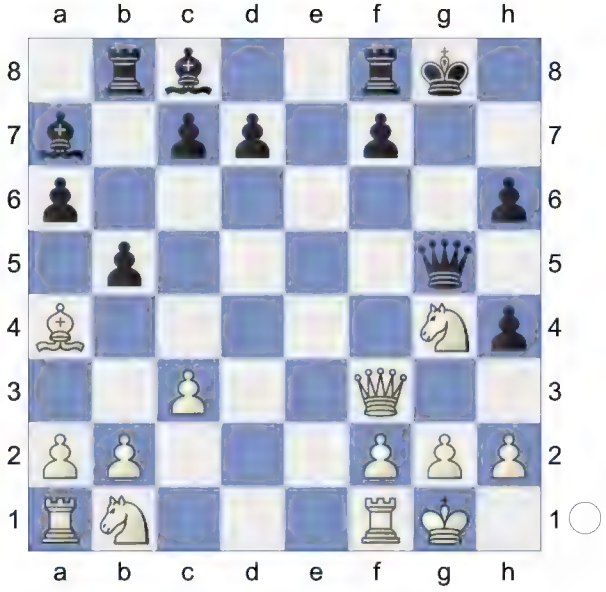
13.Nxe5+- Qxf6



14.Ng4!

[14.Nxd7 Bxd7 15.Qxd7 bxa4∓]

14...Qg5 15.Qf3 Rb8



16.Bc2 f5 17.Ne5 Qg7 18.Bb3+ Kh8 19.Nd3 a5 20.a3 f4

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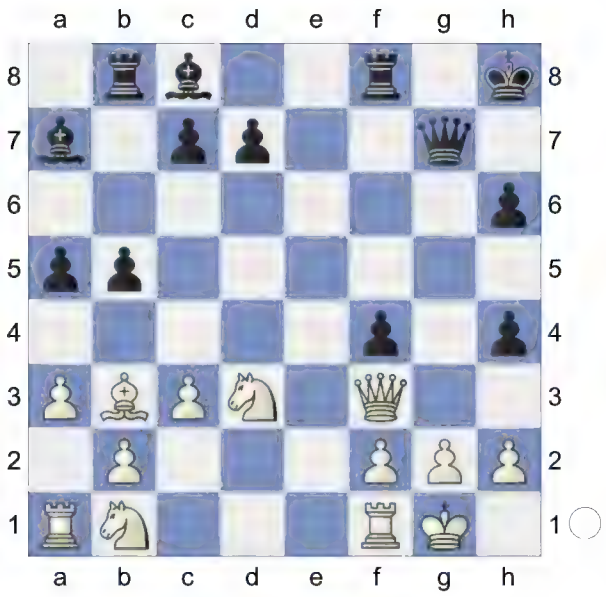


21.Nd2

[21.Nxf4? Bb7 22.Qh3 *(22.Nh5? Qg5-+)* 22...Rxf4-+]

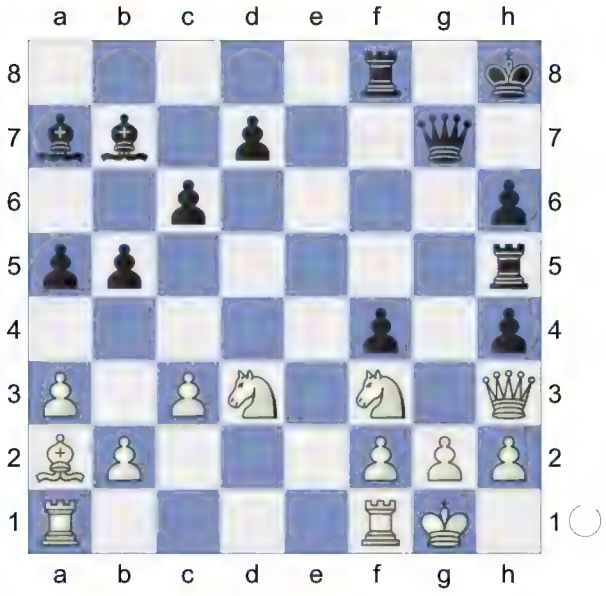
21...Bb7 22.Bd5 c6 23.Ba2 Rf5 24.Qh3

[24.Nxf4 Rbf8 25.Kh1 *(25.Nh5? Rxf3* Pin *26.Nxg7 Rxf2-+)* 25...Rxf4-+]

24...Rbf8 25.Nf3

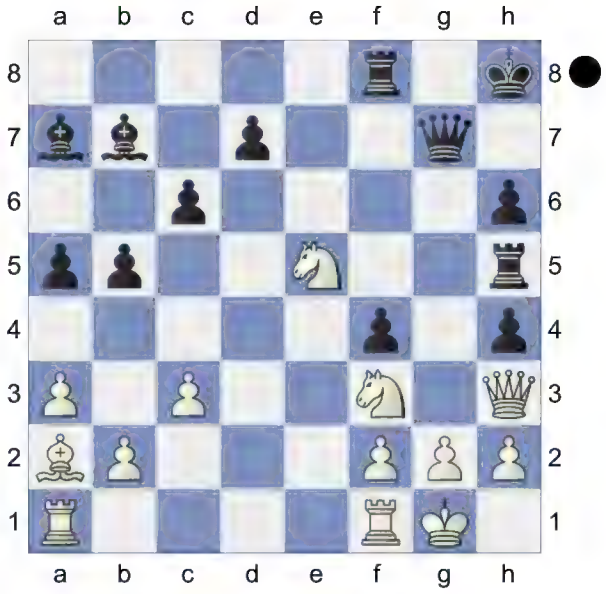
[Don't take 25.Qxh4?! c5 26.Ne1 c4]

25...Rh5



26.Nde5

[Not 26.Nxh4 c5 27.Ne1 Qf6±]

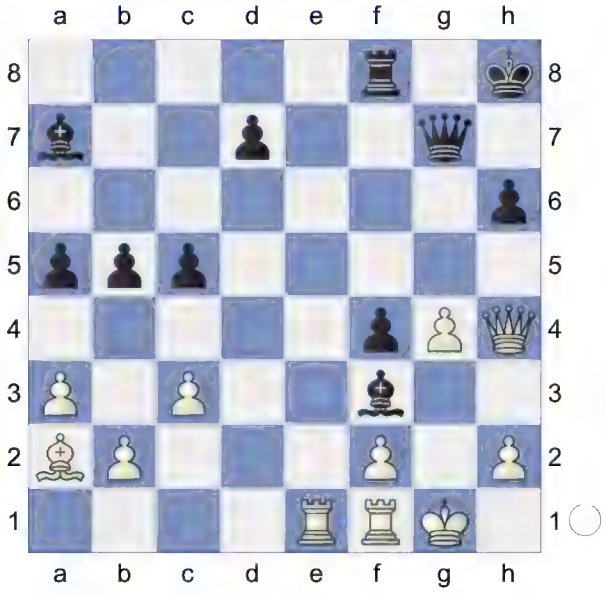


Deflection **26...Rxe5 27.Nxe5 Qxe5 28.Qxh4**

[28.Qxd7 f3 29.gxf3 *(29.Qxb7 Qg5 30.g3 hxg3)* 29...Bb8±]

28...Qg7 29.Rae1 c5 30.g4

Black must now prevent Re7. **30...Bf3**



31.h3 Bc6 32.Re7 Qf6 33.Qxf6+ Rxf6 34.Bb1 Kg8 35.Rfe1 Rf7

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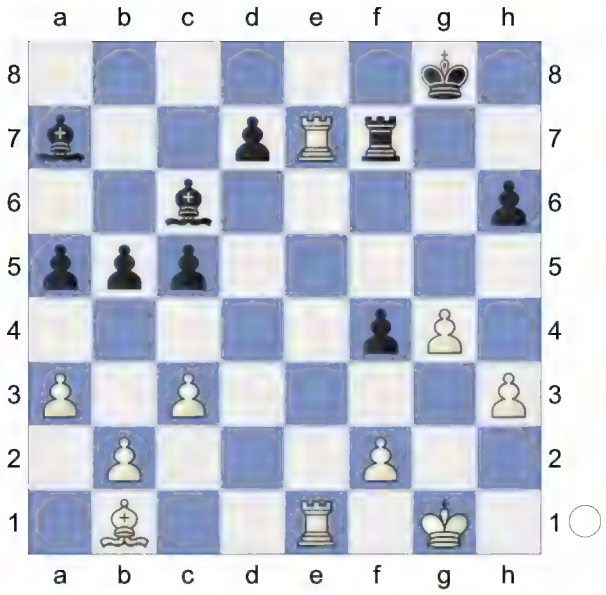
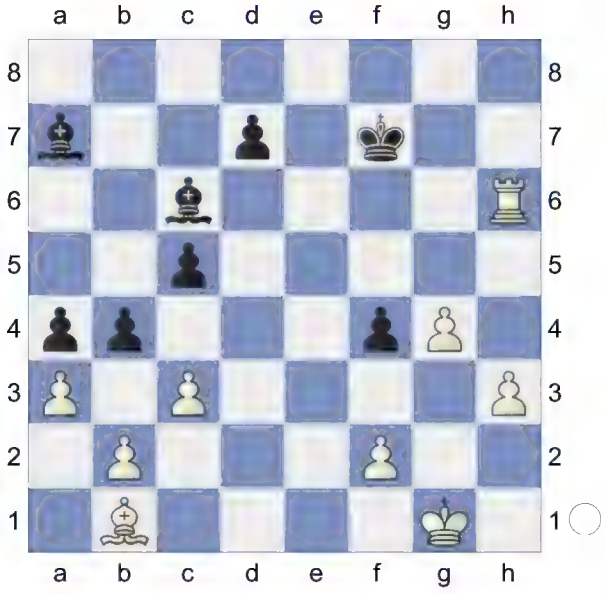


36.Re8+ Rf8 37.R1e7 Rxe8 38.Rxe8+ Endgame KRB-KB **38...Kf7 39.Rh8 a4 40.Rxh6 b4**



41.g5 f3 42.h4 Kg8 43.Rg6+ Kh8 44.Rf6 Bd5 45.h5 Kg8

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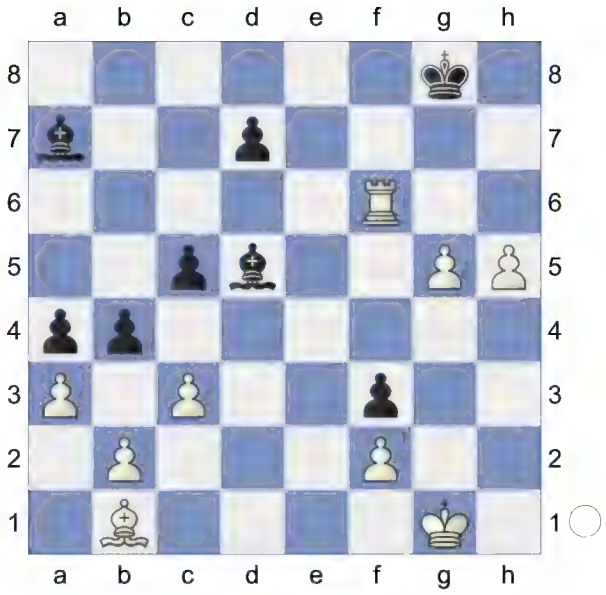
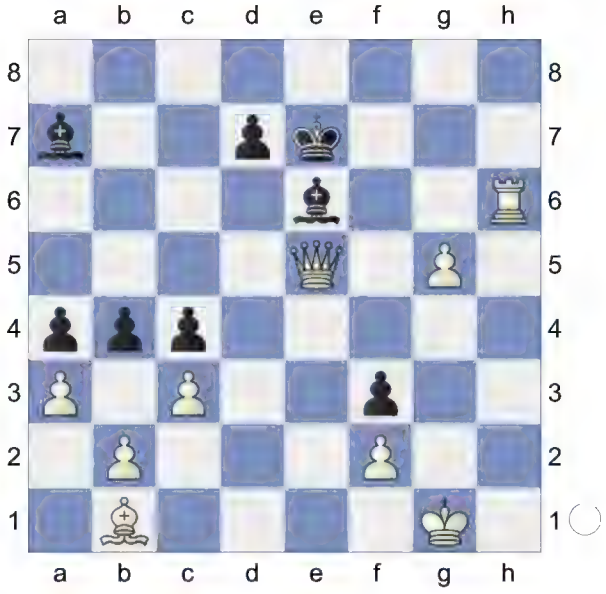


46.h6 Threatening mate with h7+. **46...Be6 47.h7+** White mates. **47...Kg7 48.Rh6 Kf7 49.h8Q Ke7 50.Qe5 c4**



51.Bg6 Bxf2+ 52.Kxf2 d6 53.Rh7+ Kd8 54.Qxd6+ Kc8 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.43
55.Qc7#

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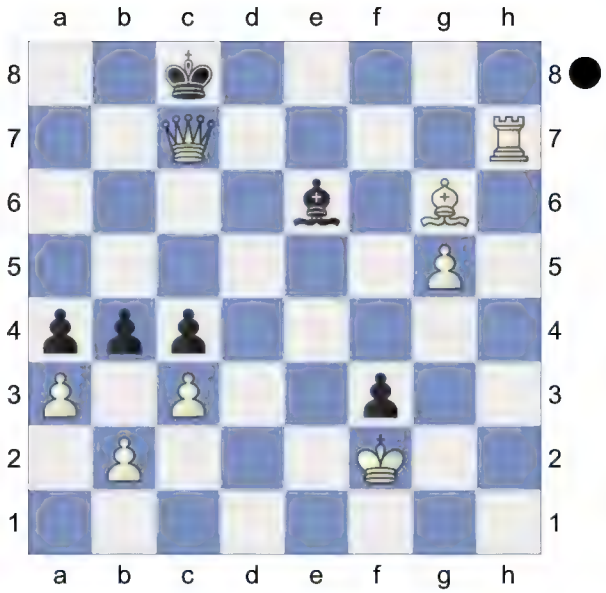

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52 **C70**
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Rapid 04.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+10sec
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

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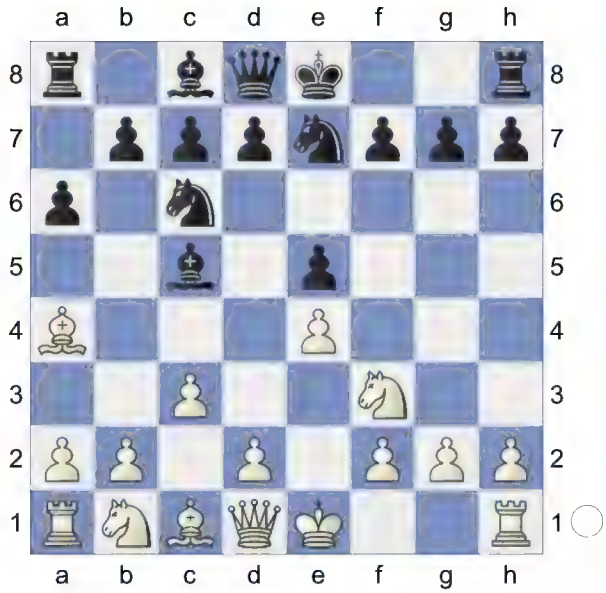
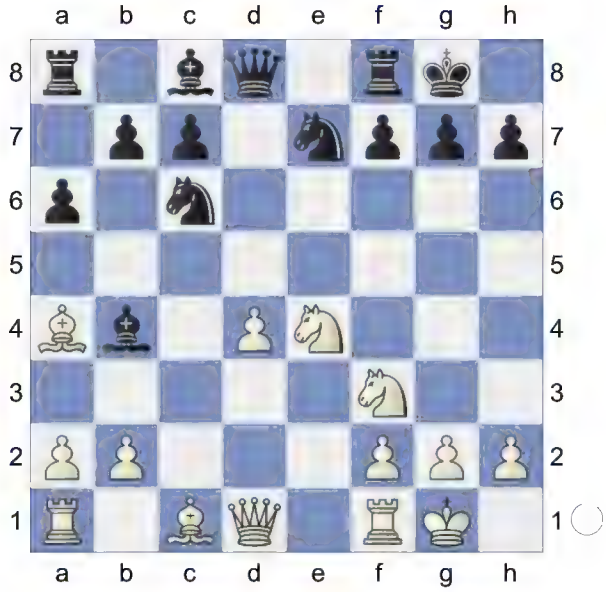


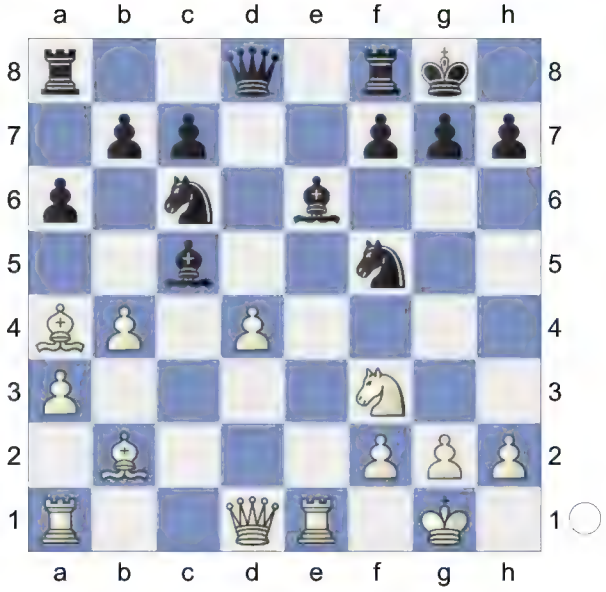
6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 White is slightly better. **8...d5 9.0-0 dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0**



11.a3

[11.h3 Bf5 12.Nc3 Bd6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.Be3 Na5 16.Bc2 Nc4 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Bc1 Qd7 19.Qd3 Nb6 20.a4 Ne7 21.Re1 Nbd5 22.Ne4 Rad8 23.Bd2 Qf5 24.Qb3 b6 25.Rac1 a5 1-0 (80) Bellahcene,B (2517)-Chigaev,M (2631) Cappelle Online Blitz op 2021 (4)]

11...Ba5 12.b4 Bb6 13.Bb2 Be6N
[13...Bg4 14.Qd3 Ng6 15.Rad1 Nce7 16.Nc5 Qd5 17.Bb3 Qh5 18.h3 Nf4 6) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 6.d4 â-6A | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.O-O | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]
14.Re1 0.32/17
[14.Qd3 0.69/18 is superior.]
14...Nf5± 15.Nc5
[15.Qd3 is interesting. Ncxd4 16.Rad1 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Qh4 18.Bc2]
15...Bxc5



16.dxc5 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 Rad8 18.h3 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 f6 20.g4 Nfe7

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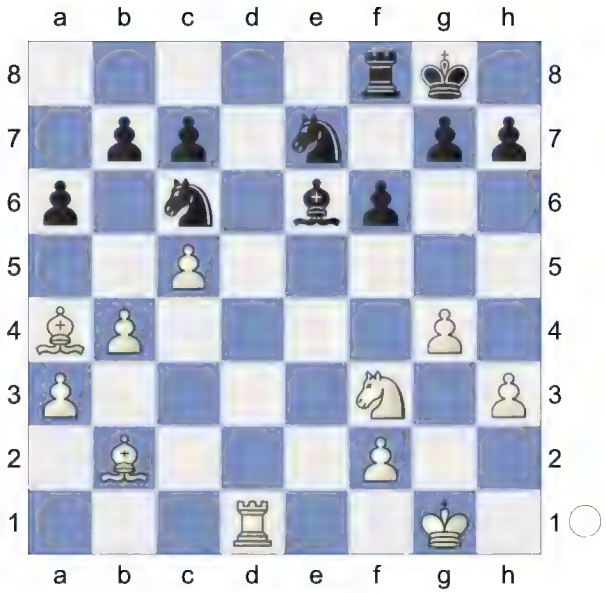
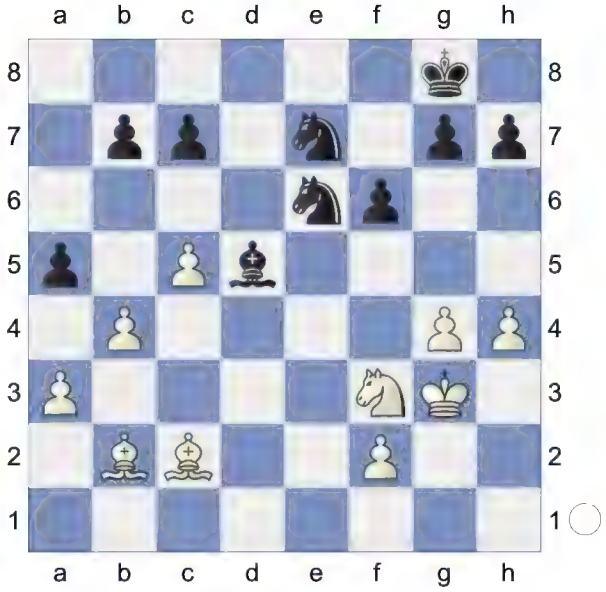


21.Bc2 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8 23.Kh2 Bd5 24.Kg3 Ne6 25.h4 a5



Deflection **26.bxa5 Nxc5 27.Nd2 Nc8 28.Bc3 h6 29.h5 Na6 30.Ne4**

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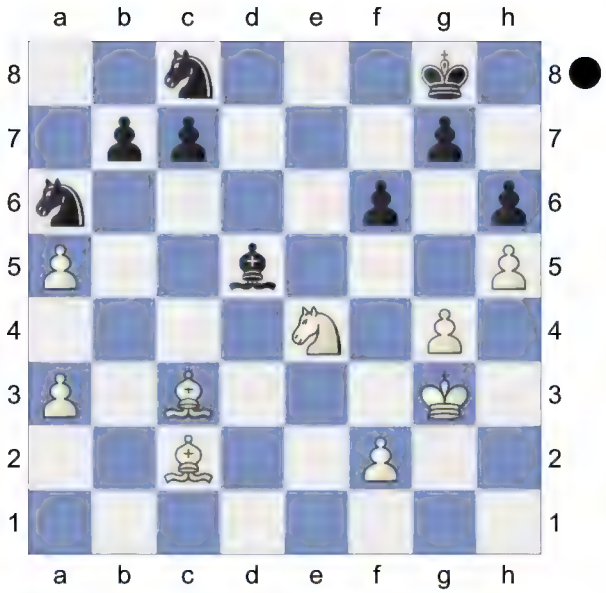

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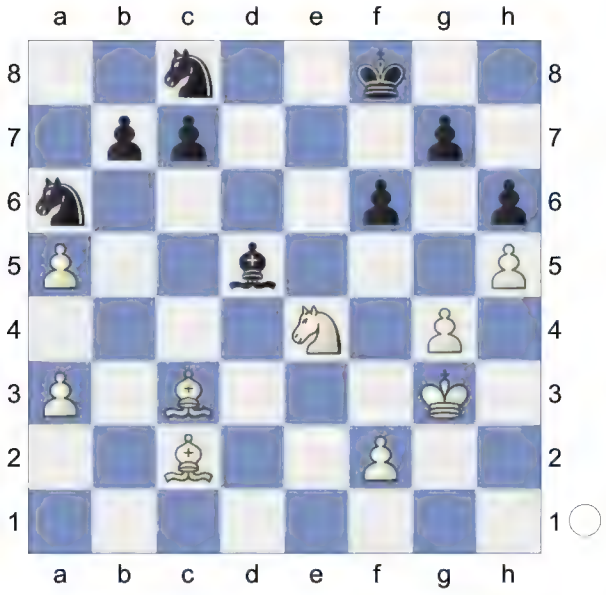

31.Bb4+ Ne7 32.Nc5 Nxb4 1.53/16
[32...Nxc5± 0.31/23 33.Bxc5 Ke8]
33.axb4 Endgame and Bb3 would now be decisive. KBN-KBN This move loses the game for Black. **33...Nc8?** 4.42/25
[33...Nc6± 1.53/22]
34.Bb3+- Bxb3 35.Nxb3 KN-KN
35...Kf7

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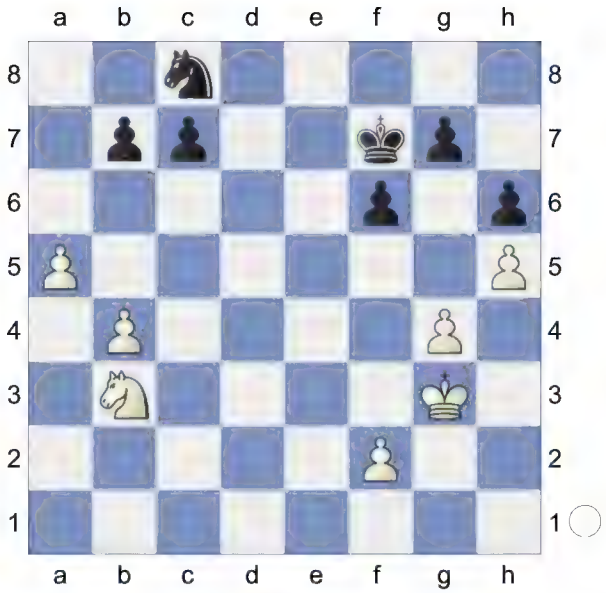
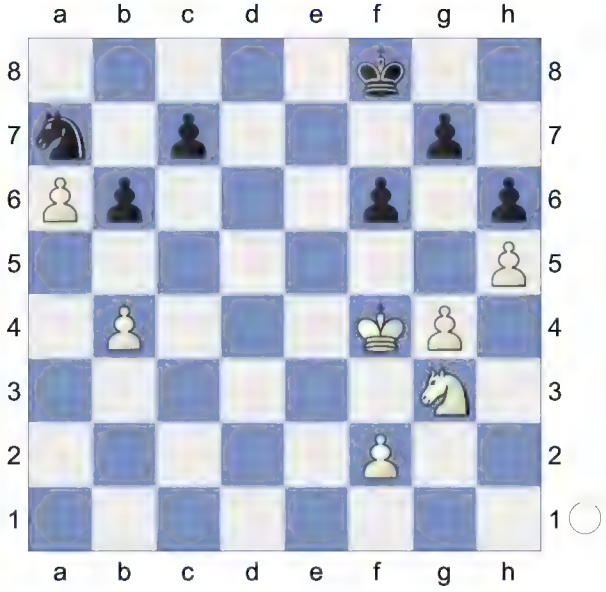


36.Kf4 Nd6 5.83/21
[36...Ke7 3.89/22 is a better defense. 37.Nc5 b6]
37.Nc5 b6 38.Ne4 Nb5 39.a6 Na7 40.Ng3 Kf8 7.35/23
[⌓40...g6 4.89/19 41.hxg6+ Kxg6]



41.Ke4 c6 42.Nf5 Kf7 43.Kd4 Kg8 44.Kc4 Kf7 45.Nd4 Ke7

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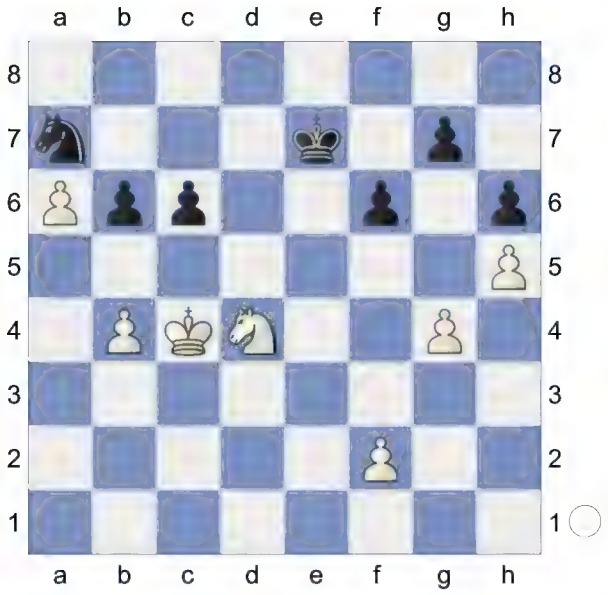
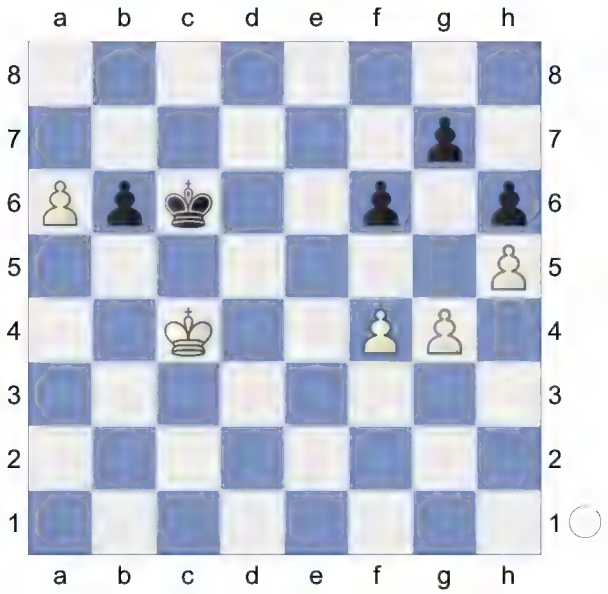


46.b5 cxb5+ 47.Nxb5 Nc6 48.f4
[48.a7 Nxa7 49.Nxa7 f5 50.Nc8+ *(50.gxf5 Kf6+-)* 50...Kf6 51.gxf5 *(51.Nxb6 fxg4 52.Kd3 Kg5±)* 51...b5+ 52.Kd4 *(52.Kxb5 Kxf5 53.Kc5 Kg4+-)* 52...Kxf5 53.Nd6+ Kg4 54.Nxb5 Kxh5+-]
48...Ke6 49.Nd4+ Kd7 50.Nxc6 Kxc6



KP-KP **51.Kb4 b5 52.a7 Kb7 53.Kxb5 Kxa7** K3P-K3P **54.Kc6 Kb8 55.Kd7 Ka7**

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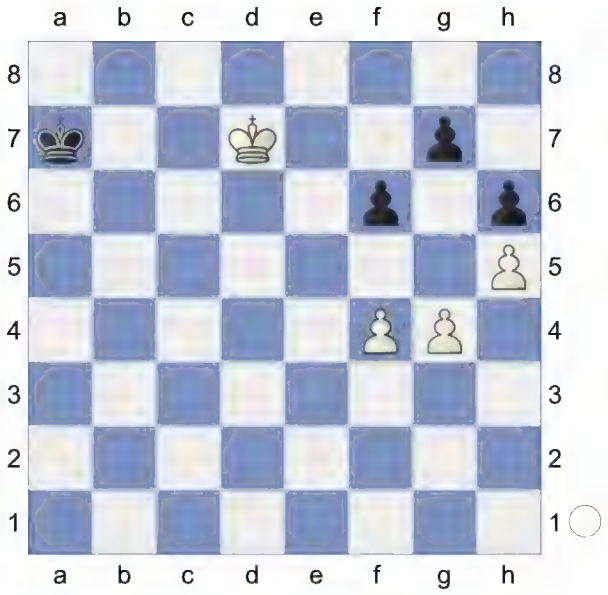
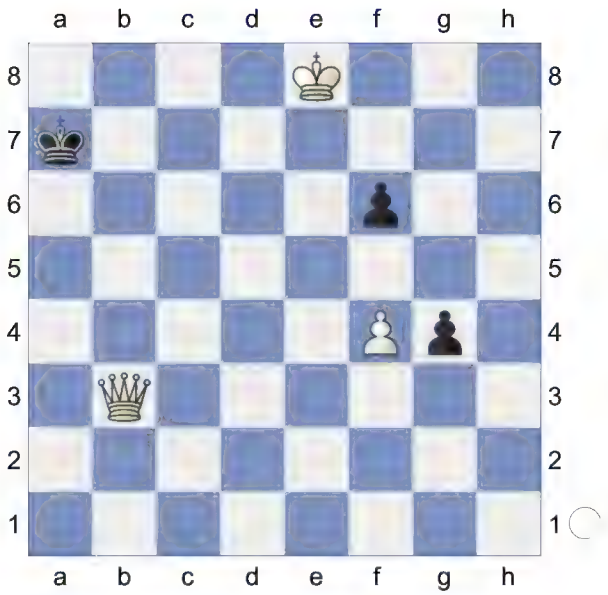


56.Ke8 g5 57.hxg6 K3P-KPP. White is a pawn up. **57...Kb6 58.g7 Ka7 59.g8Q** White mates. **59...h5 60.Qb3 hxg4**



61.Kd7 Ka6 62.Kc6 g3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.62
63.Qa3#

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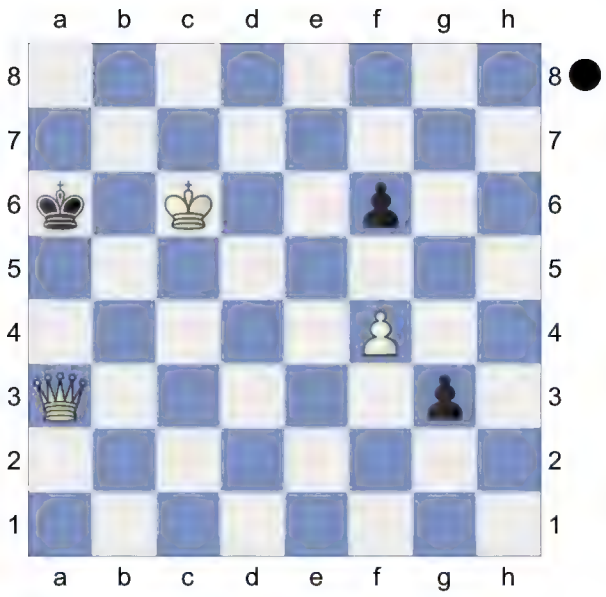

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53 **C70**
□ **KQRBNPkqrbnp** **2933**
■ **expositor** **2635**
Rapid 21.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Ba7

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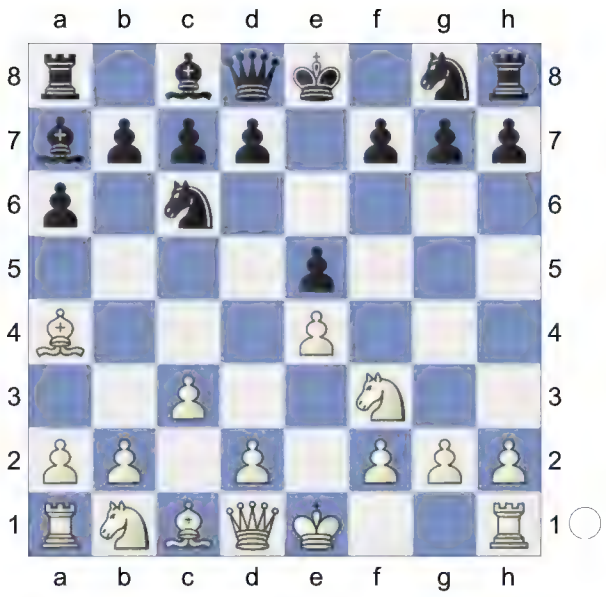
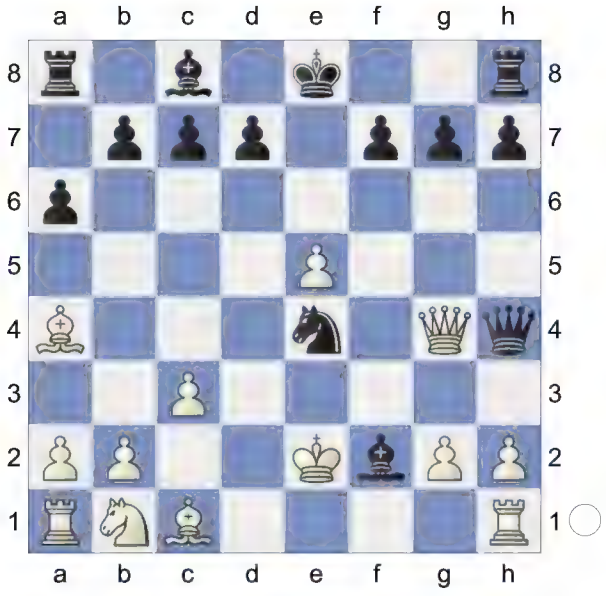


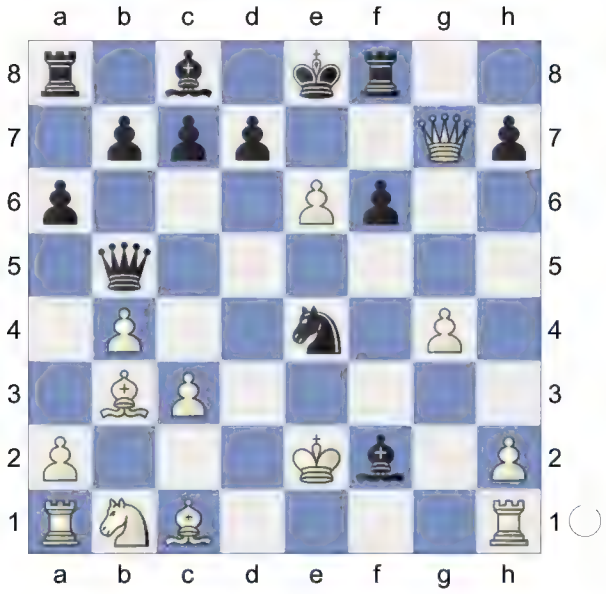
6.d4 Nf6 7.Nxe5 -0.08/18
[7.0-0± 0.54/17]
7...Nxe5= 8.dxe5 The position is equal.
8...Nxe4 9.Qg4 Against Qh4 **9...Bxf2+**
[9...Nxf2? 10.Qxg7 Rf8 *(10...Nd3+? 11.Kd2+-)* 11.Bg5+-]
10.Ke2! Qh4



11.Qxg7 Rf8 12.b4! f6N 13.e6! Qh5+ 14.g4! Chess con chili. **14...Qd5 15.Bb3** 0.19/20
[15.Nd2!± 0.73/22 Nxe4 is the strong threat. b5 *(15...Qxe6 16.Nxe4* Remove Defender *Qxe4+ 17.Kxf2±;*

15...Nxc3+? 16.Kxf2 Nxa4 17.Nf3+-)
16.Nxe4 Remove Defender Qxe4+
17.Kxf2 Qxh1 18.Bh6 Qxh2+
(18...Qxa1 19.Qxf8#) 19.Kf1 Qh1+
(19...Qh3+ 20.Kf2=) 20.Kf2 Qh2+
(20...Qxa1 21.Qxf8#)]

15...Qb5+



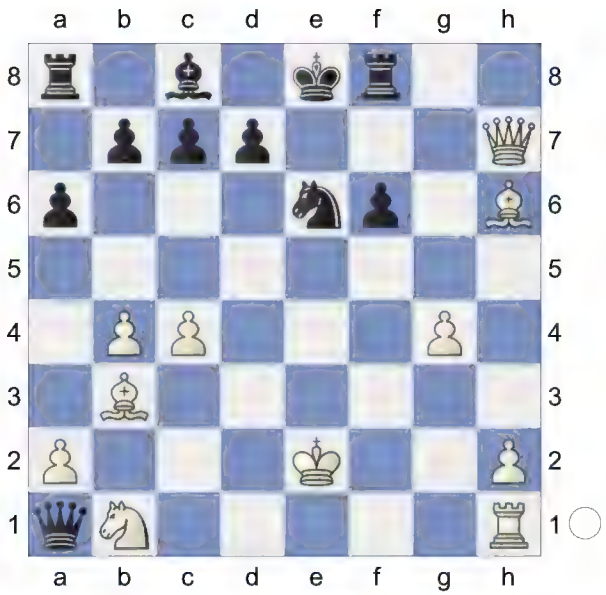
16.c4 Qe5
[16...Qxb4? 17.Ba3+- *(17.Qxh7 Qe7+-; 17.exd7+ Bxd7 18.Ba3 Rf7±)*]

17.Bh6!→ Black needs to defend precisely. **17...Ng5+ 18.Kxf2 Qd4+**

19.Ke2 Nxe6 1.42/19
[19...Qe4+= 0.12/21 20.Kd2 Qf4+ 21.Kc2 Qe4+ 22.Kd2 *(22.Kb2 Nxe6=)*]

20.Qxh7± Qxa1

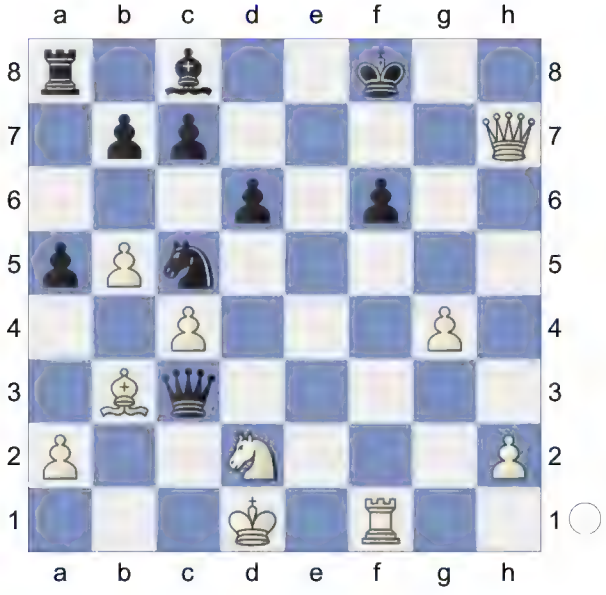
(Diagram)



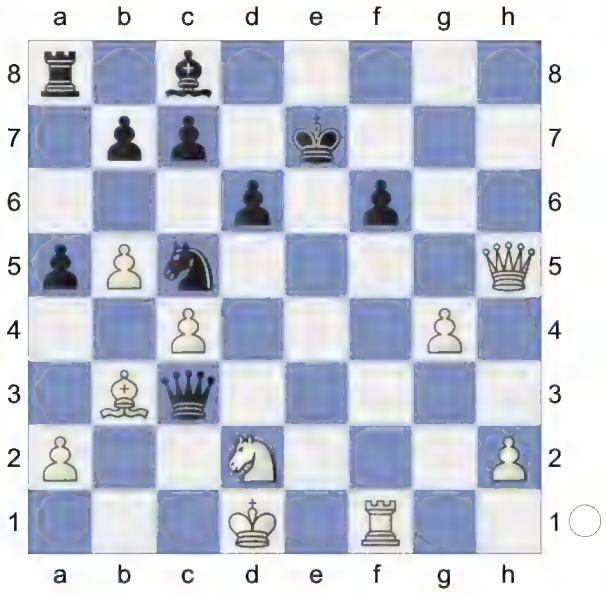
21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.Rf1 d6 23.Nd2 1.56/15 White is more active.
[White should play 23.Kd2 1.18/15]

23...Qc3 and ...Nd4+ would now be decisive **24.Kd1! a5** 2.40/15
[24...Ng5± 1.20/16 25.Qh6+ *(25.Qxc7? Bxg4+-+)* 25...Ke7 26.Qg7+ Nf7]

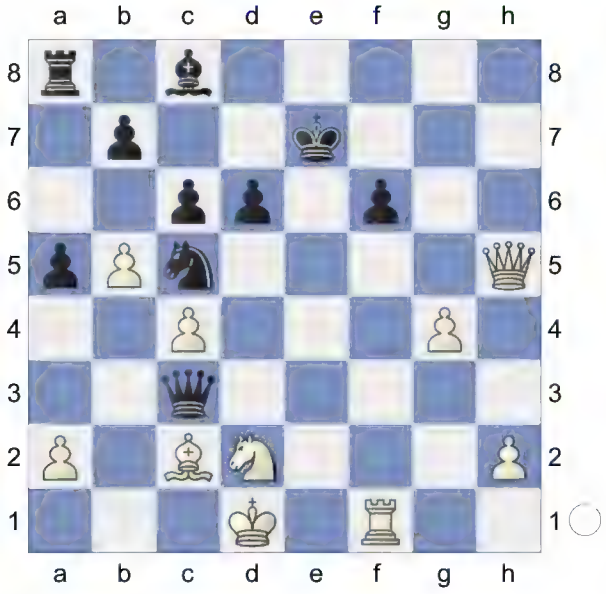
25.b5 Nc5? 3.92/20
[25...Ng5 26.Qh8+ Kf7 27.Qh5+ Ke7 28.h4±]
[25...a4 2.25/16]



26.Qh6+
[26.Qxc7? Bxg4+-+]
26...Kf7 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Qh8+
[28.Qxc7? Bxg4+-+]
28...Kf7 29.Qh5+ Ke7



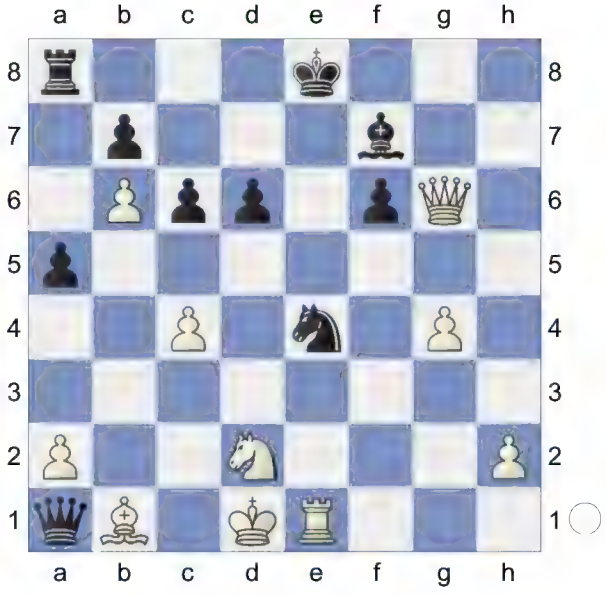
30.Bc2! c6 4.11/20
[30...Be6 2.59/17 might work better.]



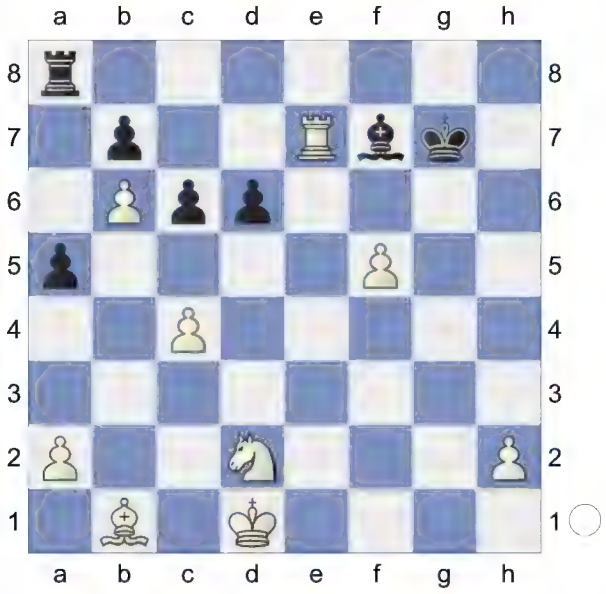
31.b6+- Qa1+

(Diagram)

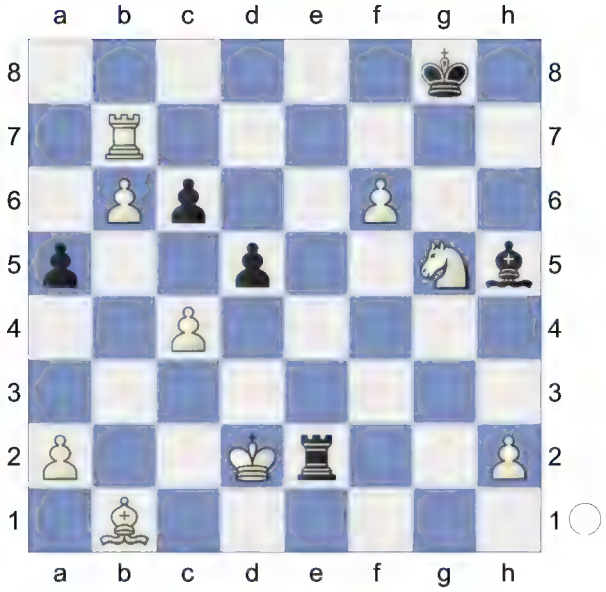
32.Bb1! Be6 33.Qh7+ Ke8 34.Qg6+
[Don't take 34.Qh8+ Kf7 35.Qh7+ *(35.Qxa8 Bxg4+ 36.Kc2 Qe5±)* 35...Kf8 36.Qh6+ *(36.Qh8+ Kf7+-)* 36...Ke7 37.Qg7+ Ke8 *(37...Bf7? 38.g5+-)*]
34...Bf7 8.51/20
[⌓34...Ke7 4.78/20 35.Qg7+ Ke8 *(35...Bf7? 36.g5+-)*]
35.Re1+
[Weaker is 35.Qxf6 Qxf6 36.Rxf6 Ke7±]
35...Ne4



36.Rxe4+ Kf8 37.Qh6+ Kg8 38.Re7 f5 39.gxf5 Qg7 40.Qxg7+ Kxg7

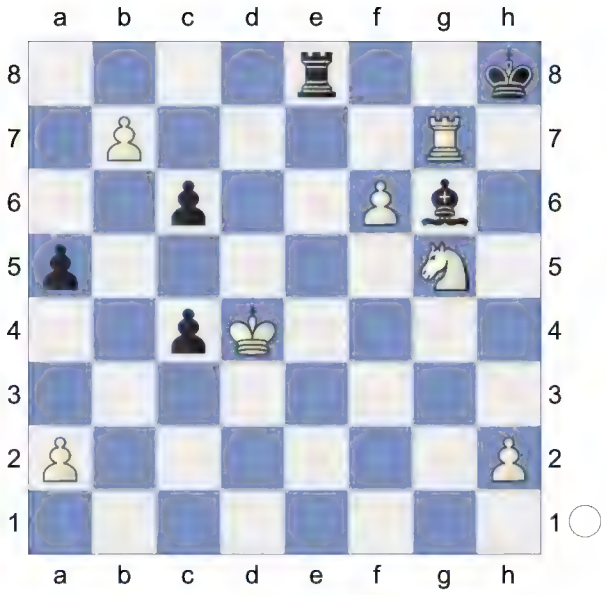


41.Ne4 Kg8 42.Rxb7 d5 43.Ng5 Bh5+ 44.Kd2 Re8 45.f6 Rg7+ would kill now. **45...Re2+**



46.Kc3 Re3+ 47.Kd4 Re8 48.Rg7+ White mates. **48...Kh8 49.b7 dxc4 50.Bg6 Bxg6**

(Diagram)



51.Rxg6 Rd8+ 52.Kxc4 Rd4+ 53.Kxd4 c5+ 54.Kxc5 a4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.56

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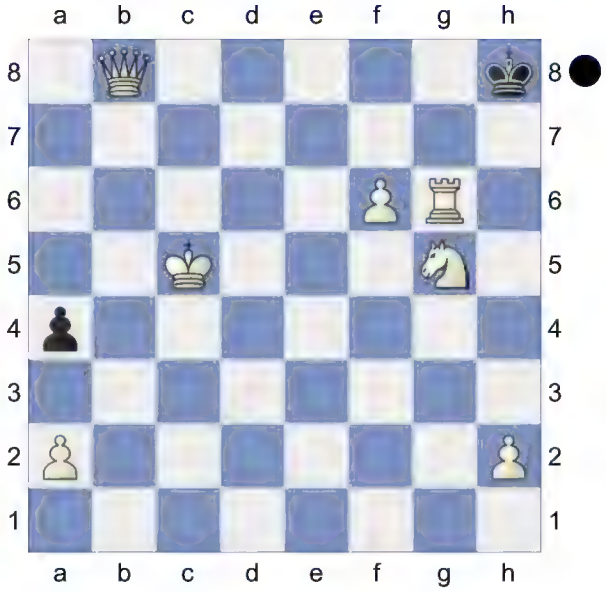

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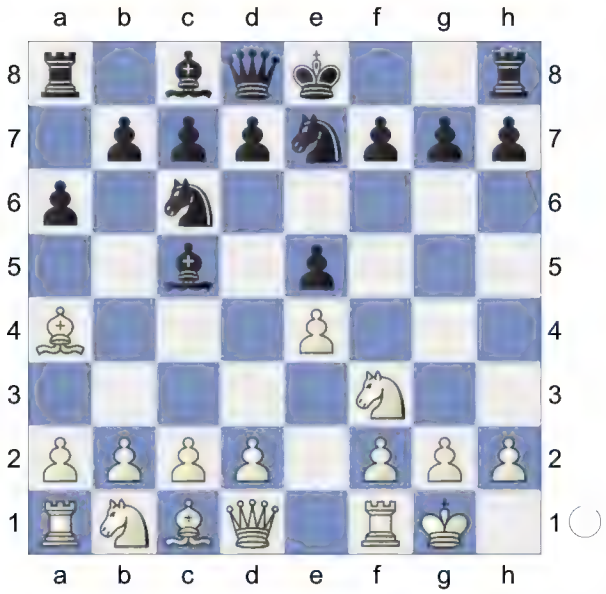
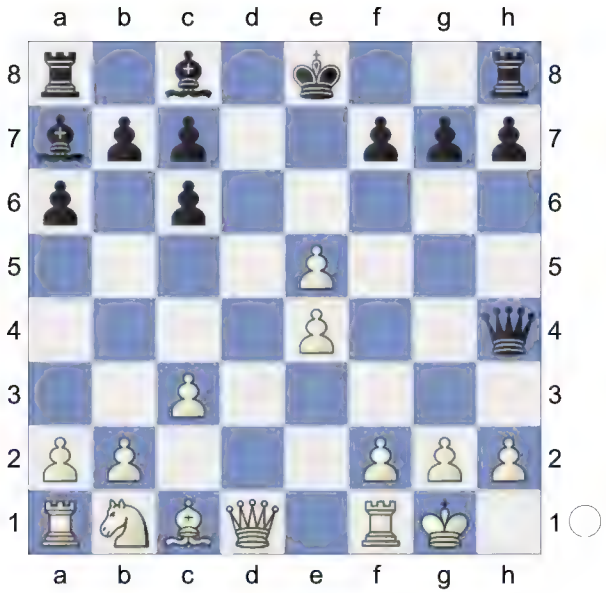
54 **C70**
□ **A-Liang** **2851**
■ **alfredogto** **2634**
Blitz 01.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7

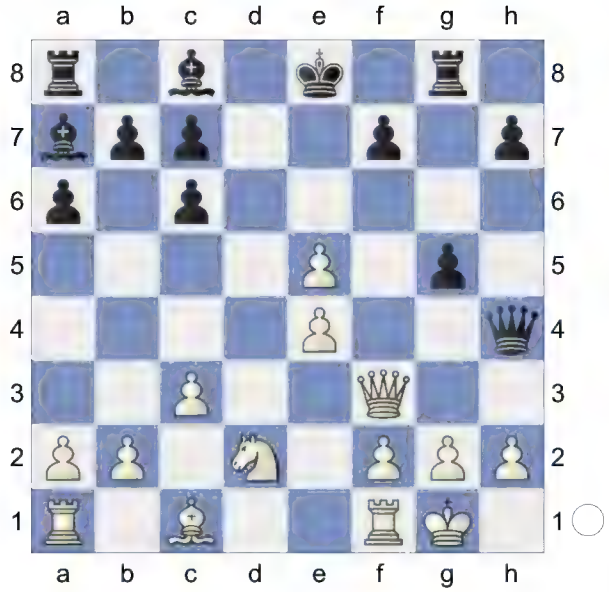


6.c3 Ba7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Bxc6 dxc6
White is slightly better. **9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qh4**

(Diagram)



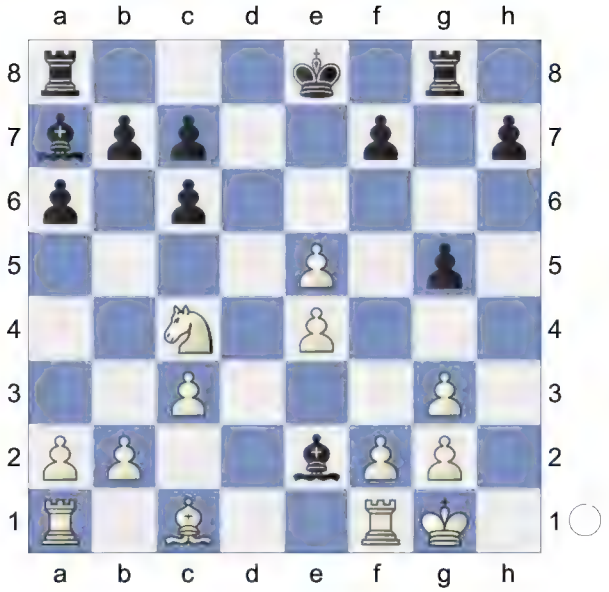
11.Qf3 Rg8 12.Nd2
[12.Na3 Bg4 13.Qg3 g5 14.Nc2 Be2 15.Re1 Qxe4 16.Be3 Qxc2 17.Bxa7 0-0-0 18.Bd4 Qxb2 19.Qh3+ g4 20.Qxh7 Bc4 21.a4 a5 22.Rab1 Qd2 23.Qh4 Be6 24.Qe7 Rh8 25.Qf6 Rh6 26.Qg7 Rg6 0-1 (44) Nottola,A (2206)-Barbot,P (2465) Avoine op 37th 2023 (2)]
12...g5N 1.30/21
[12...Bg4± 0.34/20 13.Qd3 Rd8 14.Qg3 Qxg3 15.hxg3 Rd3 16.Re1 *(16.Nc4 Rxg3 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Nxe3 Rxe3 19.fxe3 Ke7* (20) 9) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.O-O â-9 | 6.O-O: 8.Lxc6 mit 11.Df3 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*; 16.Nf3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Rxf3 18.Kg2 Rd3* 9) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und und 6.O-O â-9 | 6.O-O: 8.Lxc6 mit 11. Df3 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch *)* 16...Rxg3 17.Nf1 Rd3 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Nxe3 h5 20.f3 Be6 21.Red1 Rxe3 22.Kf2 Rxe4 23.fxe4 Ke7 9) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.O-O â-9 â-9 | 6.O-O: 8.Lxc6 mit 11.Df3 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]



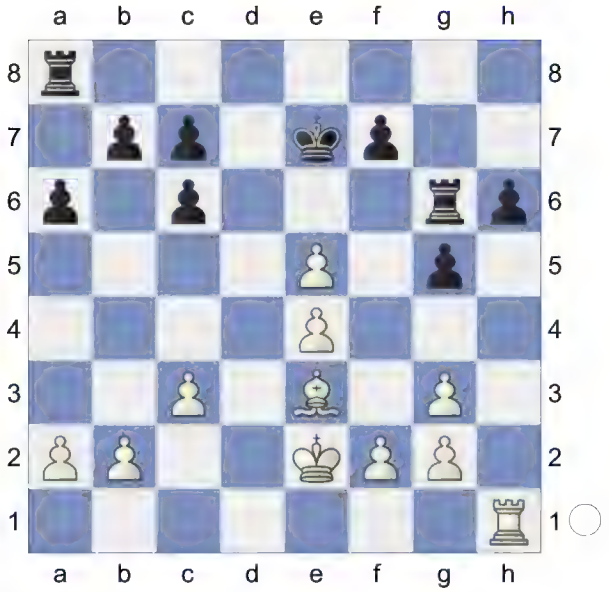
13.Nc4 0.36/19
[White should play 13.Qf6!± 1.30/21 and Nf3 should not be overlooked h6 14.Nf3 Qxe4 15.Qxh6]
13...Bg4 0.00/21
[13...Be6± 0.36/19 14.Ne3 Bxe3 15.Bxe3 0-0-0]
14.Qg3 -0.81/22
[14.Qf6!= 0.00/21 Rd8 15.g3]

14...Qxg3 -0.40/22
[14...Be2!∓ -0.81/22 15.Qxh4 gxh4]

15.hxg3∓ Be2↑

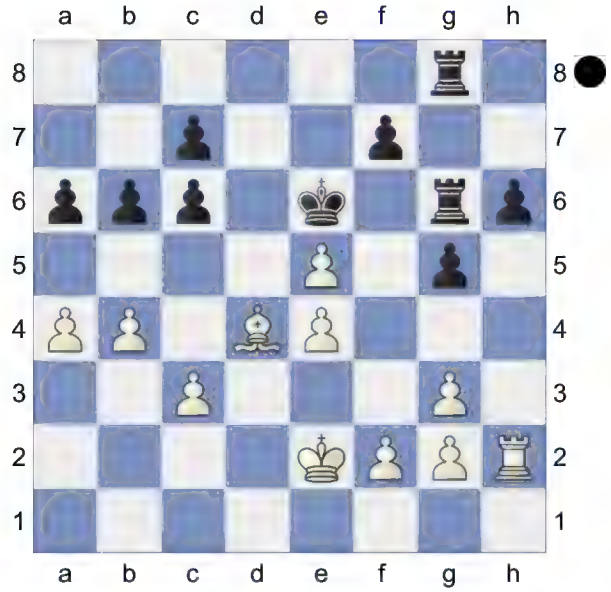


Black is more active. **16.Ne3 Bxf1** **17.Kxf1 Bxe3 18.Bxe3** Endgame KRR-KRB **18...Ke7** 0.12/21
[18...0-0-0!∓ -0.63/19]
19.Ke2= White has compensation.
19...h6 0.67/18
[Better is 19...Ke6= -0.12/18]
20.Rh1± Rg6

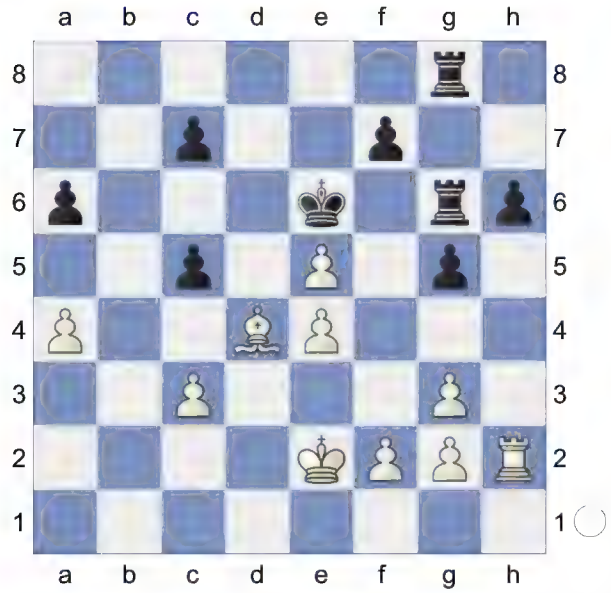


21.Rh2 -0.15/21
[21.f4± 0.71/20]
21...Rag8= 22.b4 -0.48/19
[22.Rh1= 0.00/19]

22...b6 23.a4 -0.93/20
[23.Rh1∓ -0.31/19]
23...Ke6∓ 24.Bd4

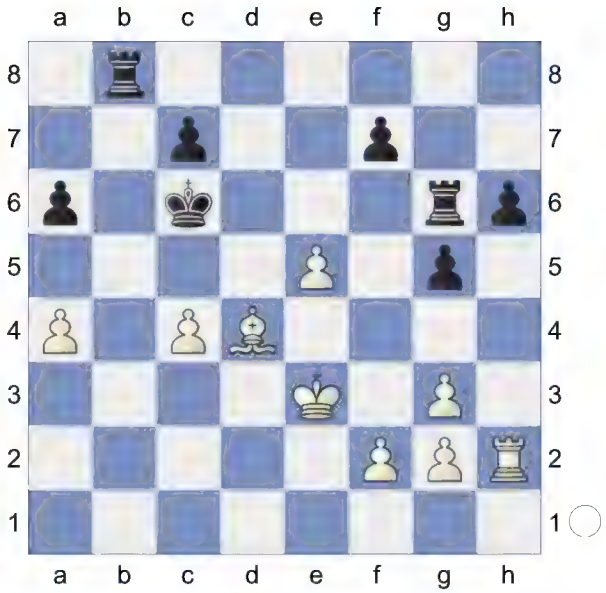


c5! Deflection **25.bxc5 bxc5**

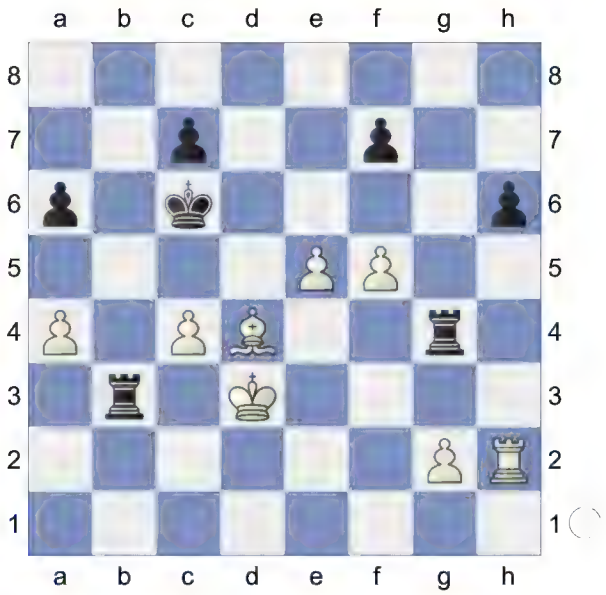


26.Bxc5 Kxe5 27.Ke3 Ke6 28.Bd4 Kd6 Loses the game. **29.c4?** -2.85/18
[29.f4∓ -0.86/19 gxf4+ 30.gxf4]
29...Rb8-+ 30.e5+ Kc6

(Diagram)



31.f4 gxf4+
[Weaker is 31...Rb3+ 32.Kf2∓]
32.gxf4 Rb3+ 33.Ke4 -2.85/21
[33.Kf2 -1.96/19 was forced.]
33...Rb4 34.f5 -4.36/21
[⌓34.Kf3 -2.85/20 Rxc4 *(34...Rxa4 35.f5∓)* 35.Be3]
34...Rg4+ Black is clearly winning.
35.Kd3 Rb3+
[35...Rxa4? 36.Rxh6+ Kb7 37.Rh3-+]



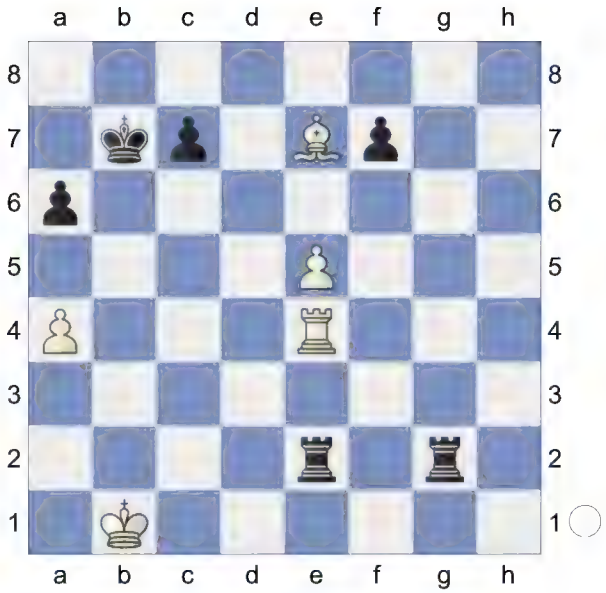
36.Kc2 Rbg3 37.Rxh6+ Kb7 38.Bb2

Rxc4+ 39.Kb1 Rxg2 40.Ba3 Rf4

41.Rh1 Rxf5 42.Re1 Rf3 43.Be7 Rb3+ 44.Ka1 Rc3 45.Kb1 Rcc2

Threatens to win with ...Rb2+. **46.Re4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.22 (precise)
46...Rce2

(Diagram)



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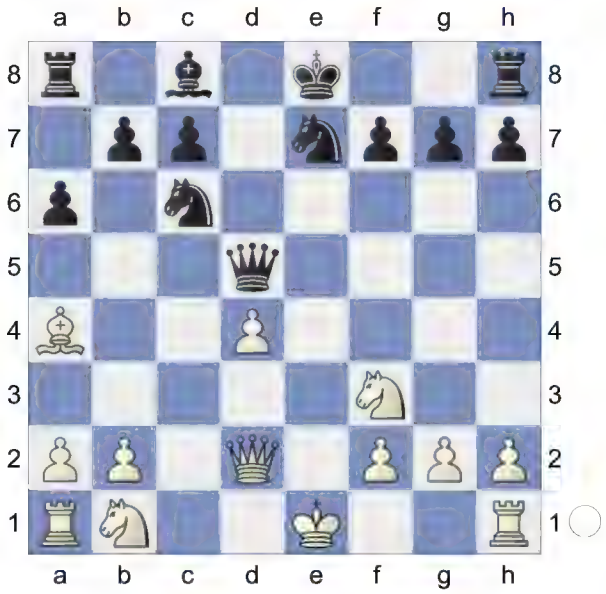
55 **C70**
□ **Bryce_Loski** **2849**
■ **solxe** **2632**
Blitz 01.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

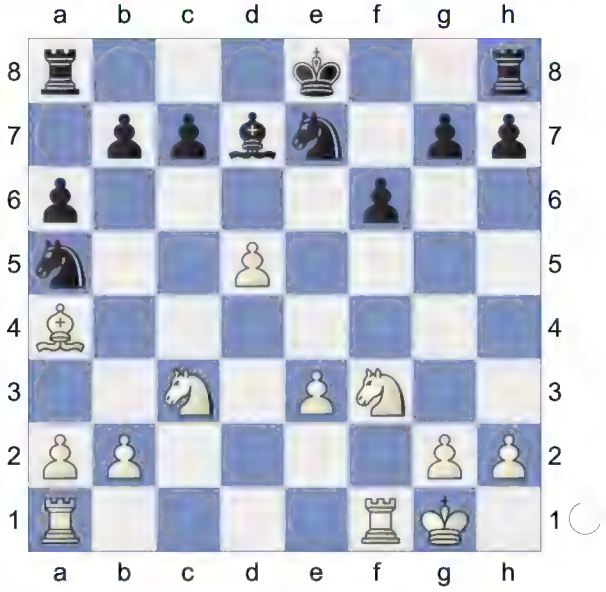
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

(Diagram)

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2
White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+**
9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Qxd5



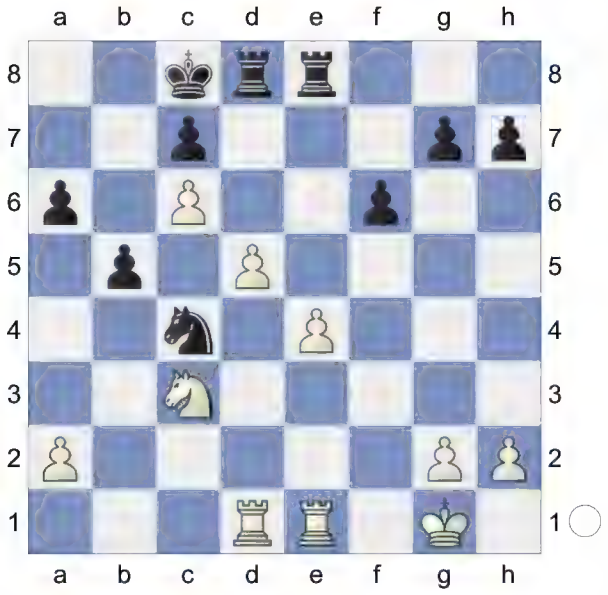
11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Qe3 Qxe3+N
[12...0-0 13.0-0 Qd6 14.Rad1 *(14.Ne4 Qb4 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.d5 Ne7 17.a3 Qb6 18.Qxb6 cxb6* (19) 5) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-5 | 6. d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Dxd2 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*)* 14...Be6 *(14...Nb4 15.Ne4 Qd8 16.Qd2 Nbd5 17.Ne5 Bf5* (18) 5) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-5 | 6. d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Dxd2 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*)* 15.Ng5 Nd5 16.Qd3 g6 17.Nce4 Qe7 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Bb3 Nce7 20.Rfe1 Rad8 21.h4 h5 22.Ng5 Qf6 23.Qg3 c6 24.Ne4 Qg7 25.Nc5 Nf5 26.Qg5 b6 27.Ne4 1-0 (103) Safarli, E (2609)-Deac,B (2696) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early blitz 2025 (10)]
13.fxe3 Bd7 14.0-0 f6 15.d5
White is more active. **15...Na5** 1.15/19
[Better is 15...Na7± 0.70/20]



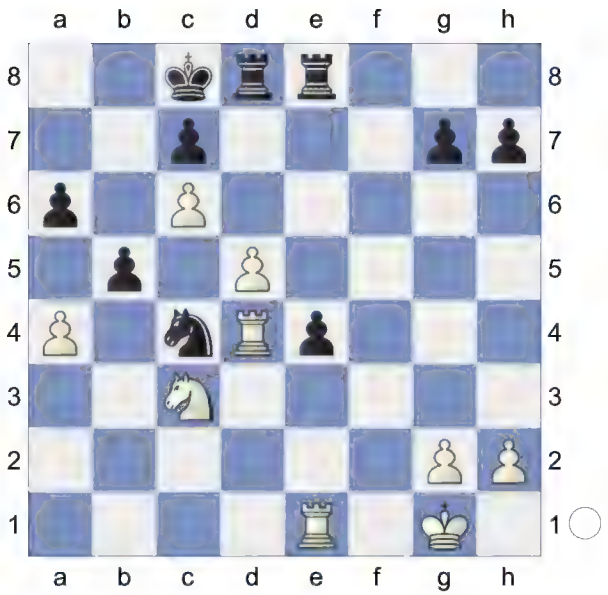
16.Bxd7+± Kxd7 17.Nd2 0.24/22
Inhibits Nc4.
[17.e4± 1.19/19]
17...b5 18.Nde4 0.16/20
[18.b4± 0.57/20 Nb7 19.a4]
18...Nb7= 19.Rad1 Rad8 0.31/17
[19...Rae8= -0.13/20]
20.b4± Rhe8

(Diagram)

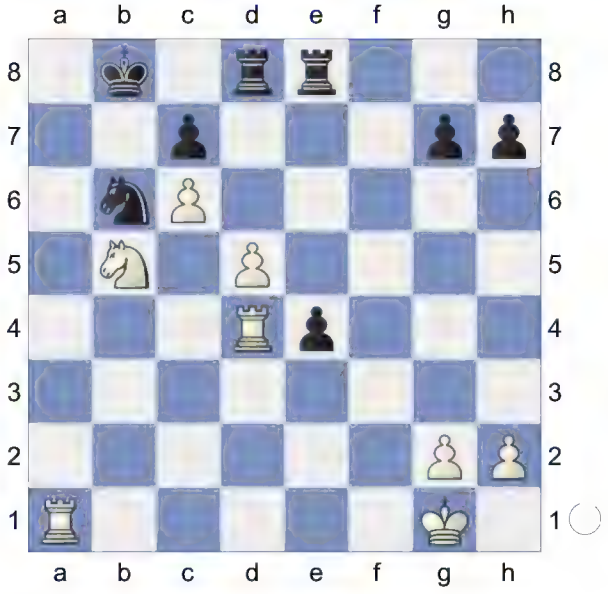
21.Nc5+ -0.24/20
[⌓21.a4 0.14/18]
21...Nxc5= 22.bxc5 Ng6 23.Rfe1 Ne5 0.42/20
[23...b4∓ -0.31/20 24.Na4 Rb8]
24.c6+± Kc8 25.e4 Nc4



26.Rd4 and Rb1 would now be decisive
26...f5 27.a4 0.00/21
[27.Rb1± 0.37/22]
27...fxe4? 3.45/21
[27...b4!= 0.00/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]



28.axb5+- axb5 29.Nxb5
[29.Rdxe4 Rxe4 30.Rxe4 Nd6±]
29...Nb6 30.Ra1 1.81/18
[Don't take 30.Rdxe4 Rxe4 31.Rxe4 Nxd5+-]
[⌓30.d6 3.60/22 cxd6 31.Rexe4 *(31.Rdxe4 Rxe4 32.Rxe4 Nd5±; 31.Nxd6+ Rxd6 32.Rxd6 Re5+-)*]
30...Kb8? 10.88/17
[30...Re5 1.81/18]



31.Ra7

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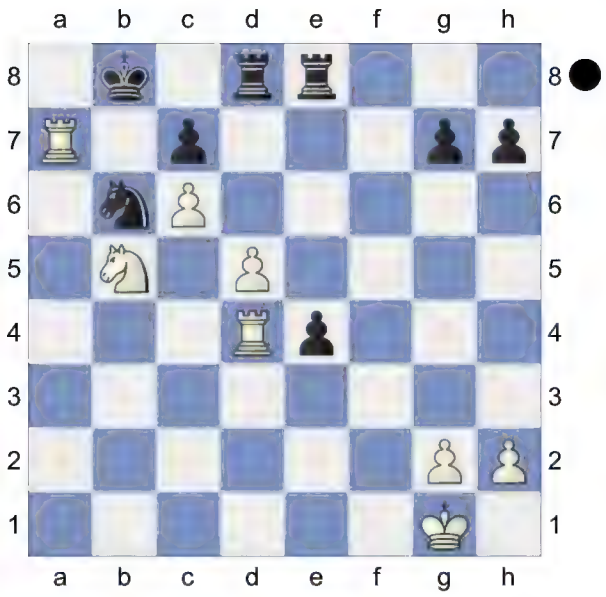


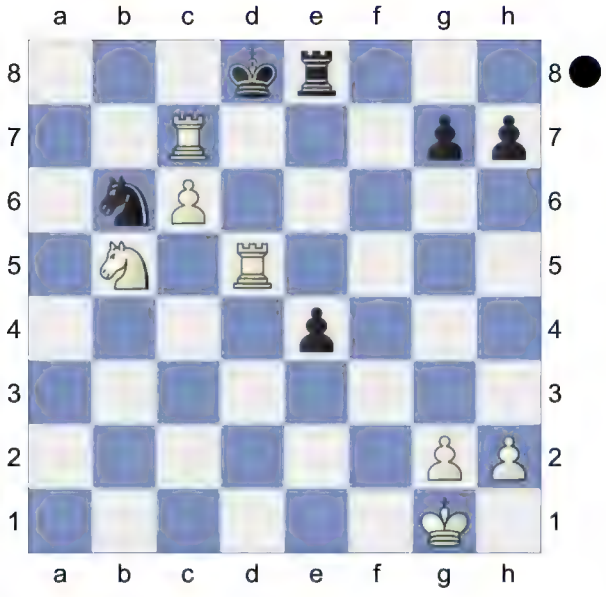
Intending Rb7+ and mate. White is clearly winning. **31...Rxd5 32.Rb7+**

[Worse is 32.Nxc7 Kxa7 33.Rxd5 *(33.Nxd5 Nxd5 34.Rxd5 Kb6=)* 33...Nxd5 34.Nxe8 Kb6=]

32...Kc8 33.Rxc7+ Kd8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.58

34.Rxd5+



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56 **C70**

□ **Guido,Flavio** **2517**

■ **Deschamps,Quentin** **2631**

Surabaya (4) 07.03.2021

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

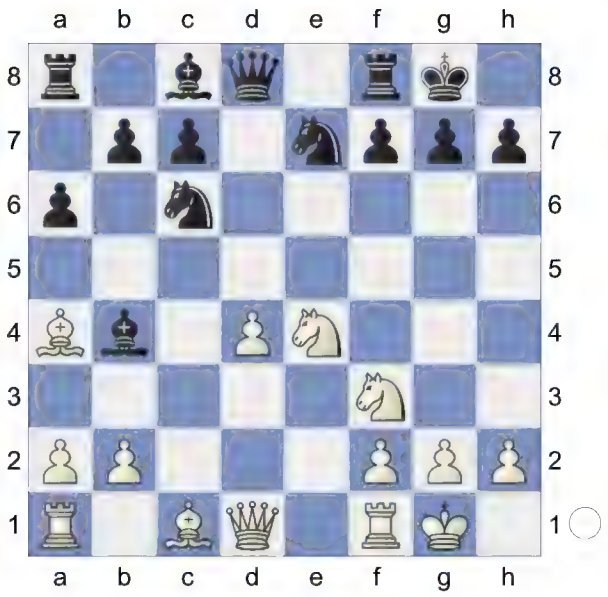
6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3

White is slightly better. **8...d5 9.0-0**

[9.e5 Bg4 10.Be3 f6 11.exf6 gxf6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.a3 Ba5 15.b4 Bb6 16.Ne5 Bxd1 17.Nxd7 Bxa4 18.Nxb6 cxb6 19.Nxa4 b5 20.Nc3 Kf7 21.Kd2 Rad8 22.Kd3 Nf5 23.Ra1 Nd6 0-1 (42) Vasilkov,N (2234)-Zdorov,E (2211) Moscow Ivi GP op 2025 (10)]

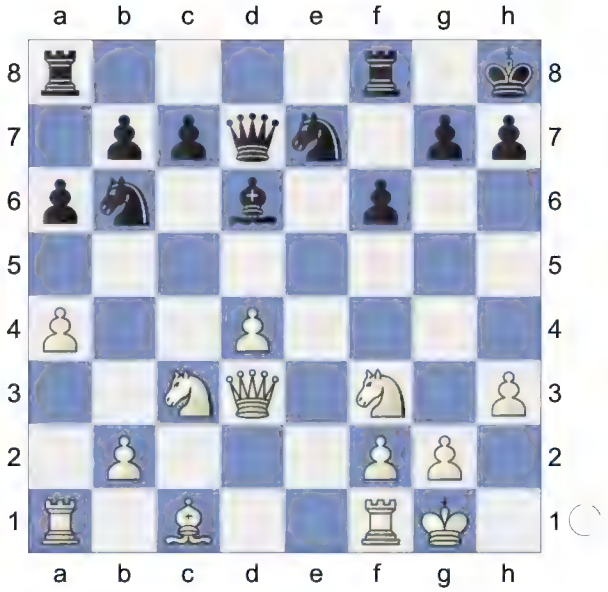
9...dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0

(Diagram)

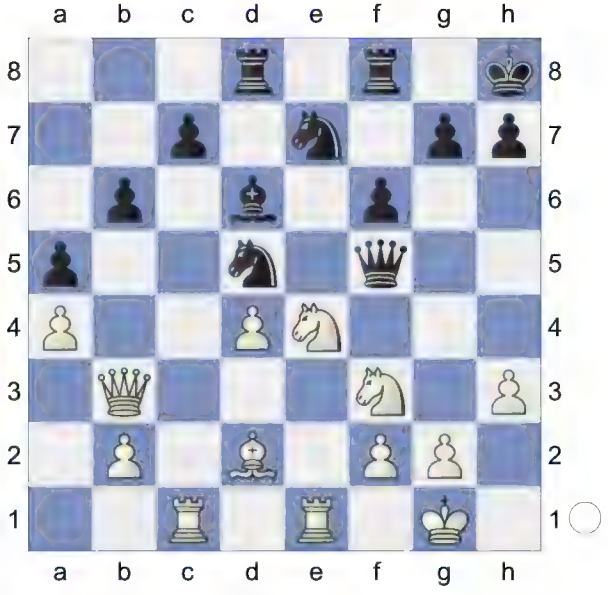


11.h3N Wards off Bg4
[11.a3 Ba5 12.h3 b5 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Bg5 Qd5 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Nc5 Ng6 18.b4 Bb6 19.Re1 Nf4 Line 5 5.c3 Nge7 6.d4-9. 0-0 2022]
11...Bf5 12.Nc3 -0.04/19
[12.Ng3± 0.48/18]
12...Bd6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.Be3 Na5

16.Bc2 Nc4 17.Bxf5 -0.33/22
[17.Bc1= 0.07/17 Qd7 18.Bxf5 Nxf5 19.Qd3]
17...Nxf5 0.04/21
[17...Nxe3∓ -0.33/22 18.fxe3 Nxf5]
18.Bc1 Qd7 19.Qd3 Nb6 20.a4 Ne7

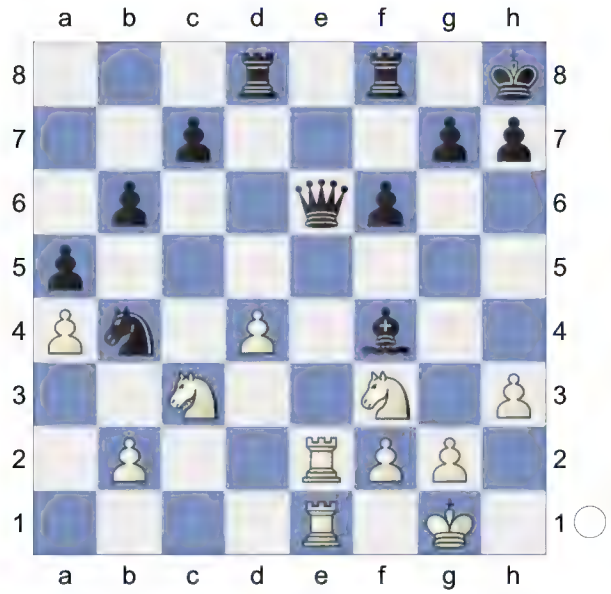


21.Re1 Nbd5
[21...Rfe8 22.Bd2 Ned5 23.a5 Nb4]
22.Ne4 Rad8 23.Bd2 Qf5 24.Qb3 b6 25.Rac1 0.00/21
[25.a5± 0.39/20]
25...a5=

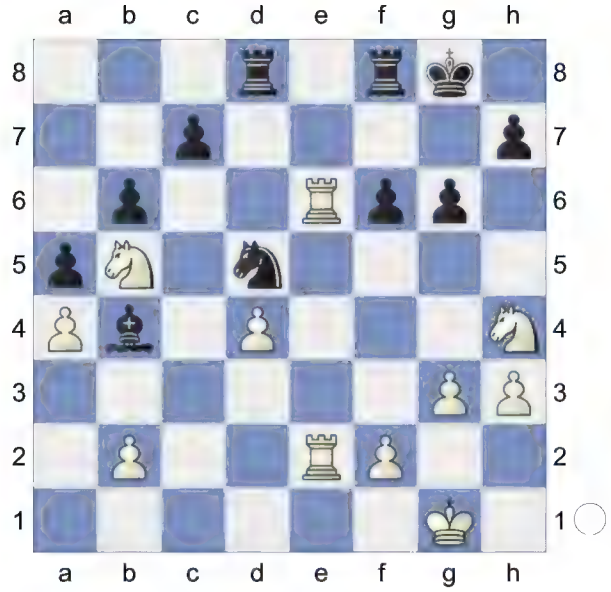


26.Re2 Nf4 0.19/21
[26...Bb4 -0.26/19 deserves consideration.]
27.Bxf4 Bxf4 28.Rce1 Nd5 29.Nc3

Nb4 30.Qe6 -0.08/22
[30.Rd1± 0.32/20]
30...Qxe6



31.Rxe6 Kg8 32.g3 Bd6 33.Nb5 Nd5 34.Nh4 Bb4 35.R1e2 g6



36.Kg2 Kf7 37.Rc6 Rd7 38.Rec2 Be7 39.Nf3
[39.Nxc7 Nb4 40.Nb5 *(40.Ne6? Rb8-+)* 40...Nxc2 41.Rxc2 Bb4]
39...Bd8 40.Rc1 Re8

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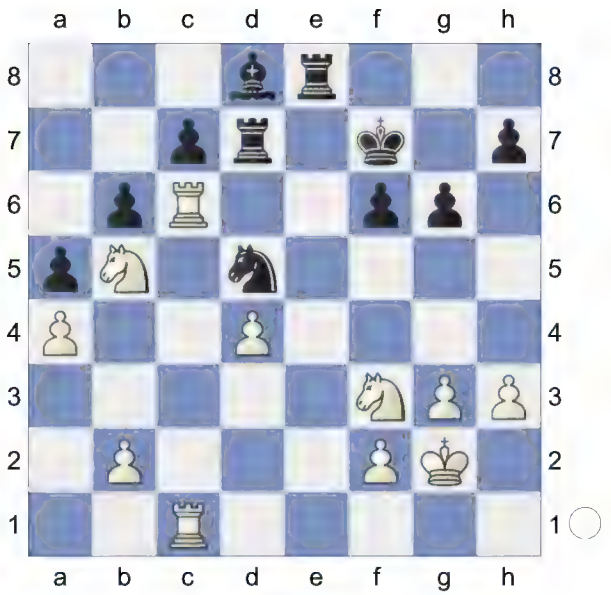
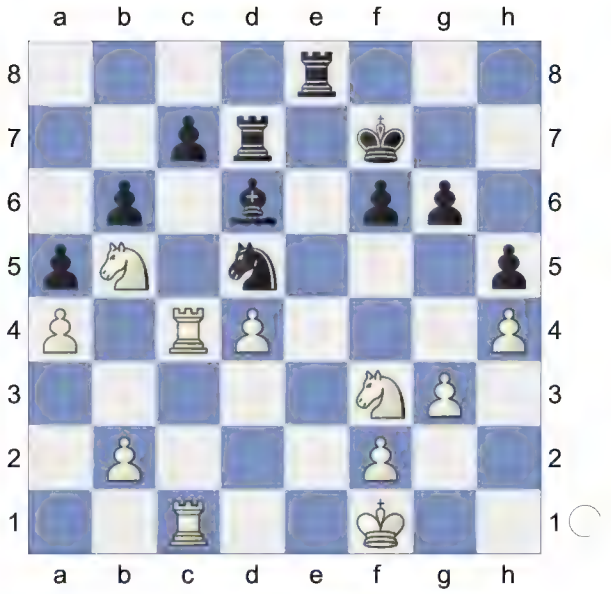


41.Kf1 Re6
[41...Nb4!? 42.R6c4□ Nd3=]
42.R6c4 h5 43.h4 Re8 44.Na7 Be7 45.Nb5 Bd6



46.Ne1 Ree7 47.Nd3 Ke8 48.Rc6 Kd8 49.R6c4 Ke8 50.Rc6 Kf7

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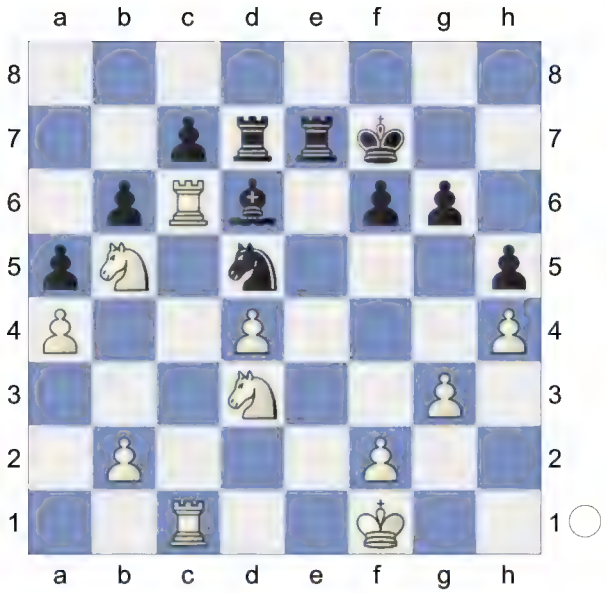
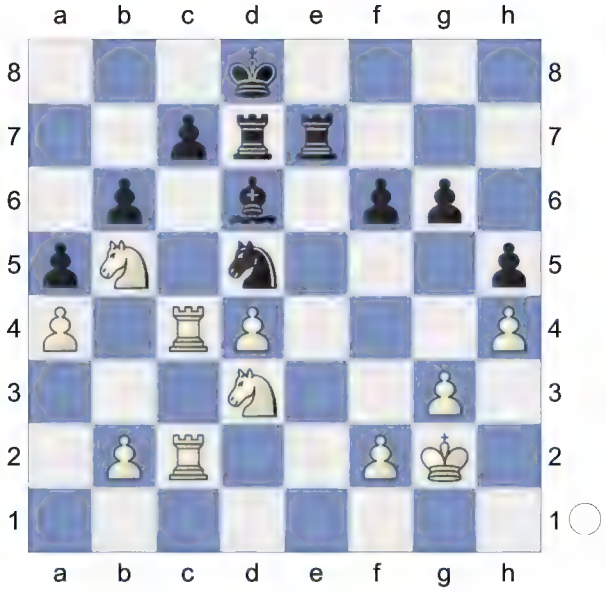


51.R6c4 Re4 52.Kg2 Re6
[52...Ke6 looks sharper. 53.Kf3 Kf5 54.Rh1 Rde7]
53.R1c2 Ree7 54.Rc6 Ke8 55.R6c4 Kd8



56.Na7 Strongly threatening Nc6+.
56...Re4 57.Nb5 Ree7 58.Rc6 Re6 59.R6c4 Re8 60.Rc6
[60.Nxd6 Rxd6 61.b4 axb4 62.Nxb4 Nxb4 63.Rxb4 Re7 64.f3]
60...Re4

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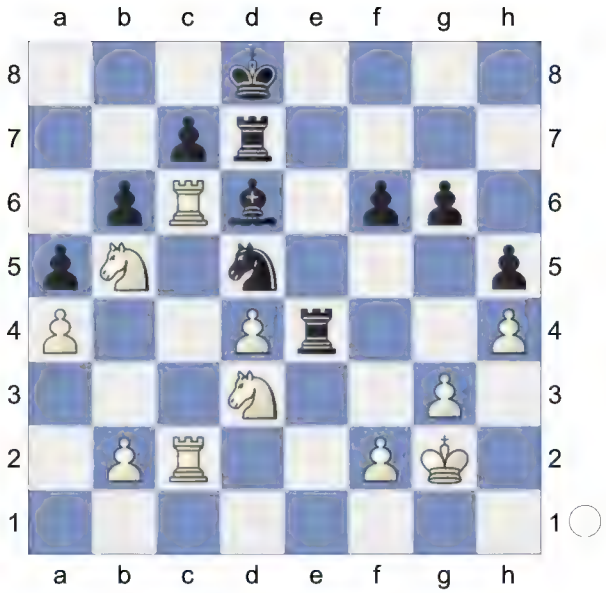

61.R6c4 Re6 62.Rc6
[62.Nc3 Nxc3 63.R2xc3 g5 64.hxg5 fxg5 65.b4]
62...Rde7 63.Kf3
[63.Nxd6 simplifies Rxd6 64.Kf3 Rxc6 65.Rxc6 Kd7 66.Rc1]
63...Kd7 and ...Re3+! would now be decisive **64.R6c4?** -2.76/20
[64.Nxd6!= -0.19/18 Rxd6 65.R6c4]
64...Re4?? 2.16/23
[64...Re3+!-+ -2.76/20 65.fxe3 Rxe3+ 66.Kg2 Rxg3+ *(66...Rxd3? 67.Nxd6 Ne3+ 68.Kh3-+)* 67.Kf1 *(67.Kh2? Rxd3+ 68.Nxd6 Kxd6-+)* 67...Rxd3 68.Nxd6 Kxd6]
65.Nxd6 Kxd6

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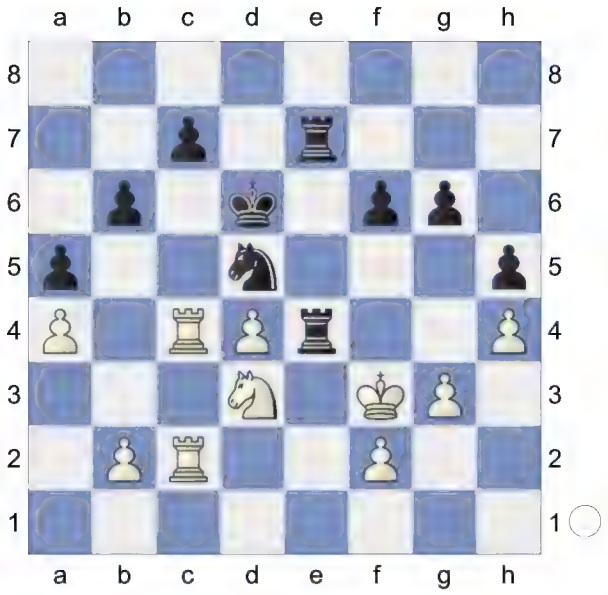
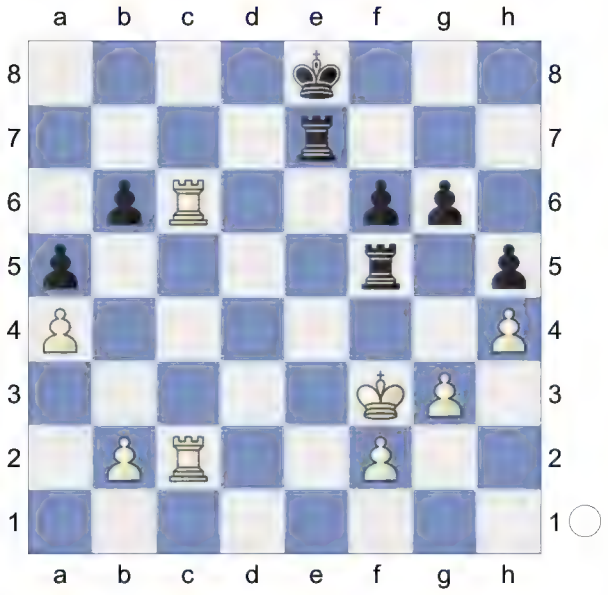


66.Rc6+ Kd7 67.Nf4? 0.11/24
[67.Ne5+!+- 1.73/25 R7xe5 68.dxe5 Rxe5 69.Rc1]
67...Rxd4 68.Nxd5 Rxd5 69.Rxc7+ Endgame KRR-KRR **69...Ke8! 70.R7c6 Rf5+**



71.Kg2 b5 1.59/22
[71...Rb7!= 0.14/21 keeps the balance.]
72.axb5±

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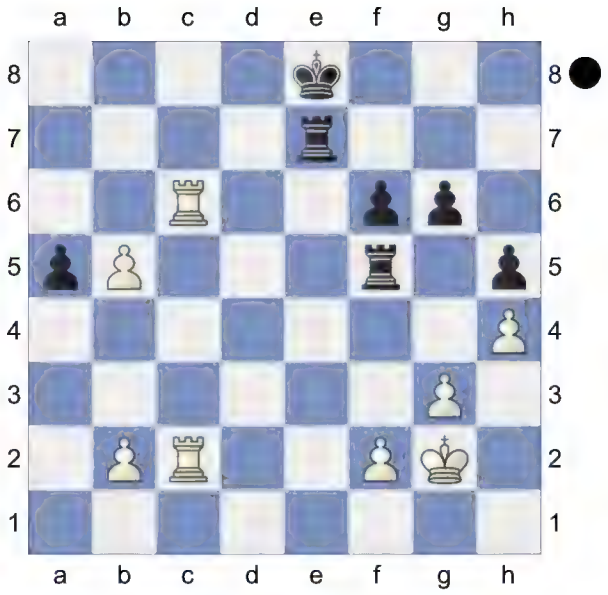
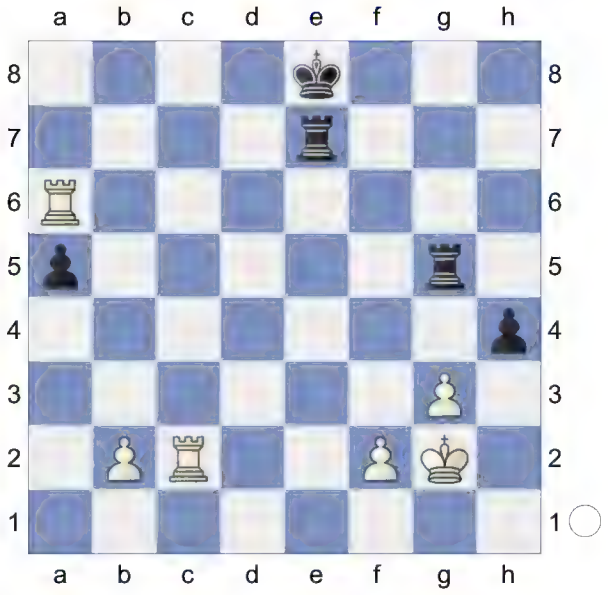


Deflection **72...Rxb5?** 3.48/24
[72...Kf7± 1.20/20 was necessary.]
73.Rxf6+- g5 74.hxg5 Rxg5 75.Ra6? 0.12/17
[75.Rc8++- 4.21/18 Kd7 76.Ra8]
75...h4=



76.Rc8+ Kf7 77.Rc4 hxg3 78.fxg3 Re2+ 79.Kf3 Rxb2? #3/16
[79...Ree5= 0.06/23]

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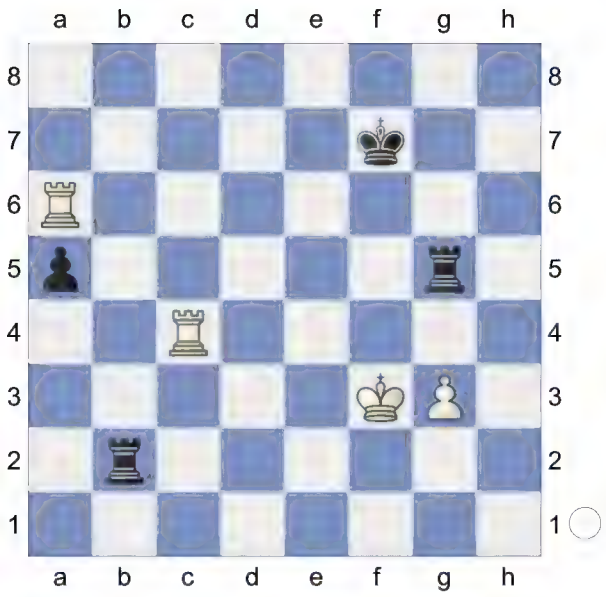

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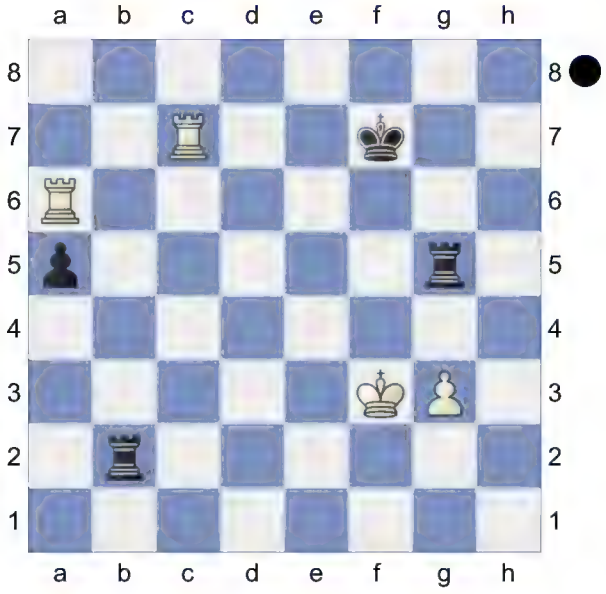
80.Rc7+



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57 **C70**

□ **Ponomariov,Ruslan** **2631**

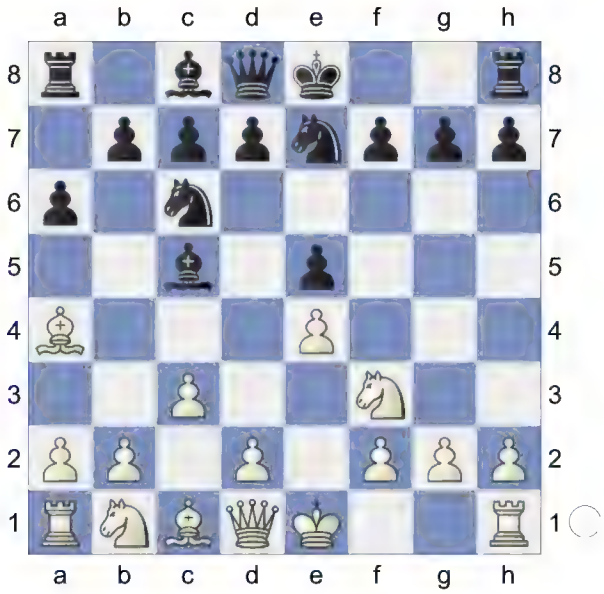
■ **Indjic,Aleksandar** **2612**

FIDE Grand Swiss 2021 (9.32) 05.11.21

[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

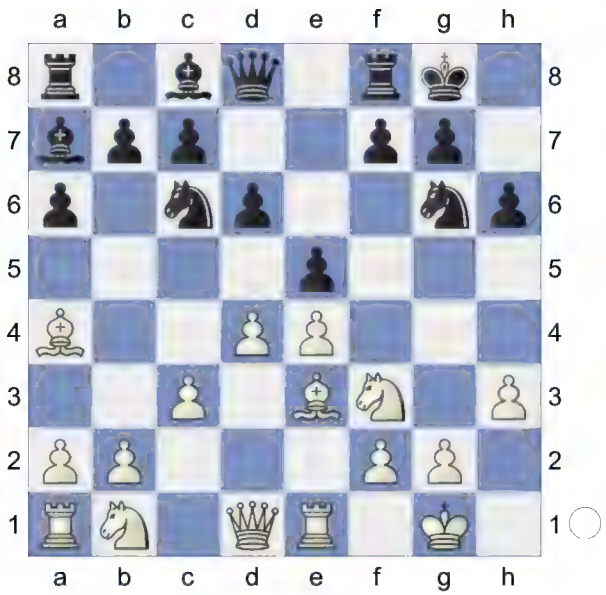
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7



6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Re1 0-0

White is slightly better. **9.h3 d6 10.Be3 h6**

(Diagram)



11.Nbd2 exd4

[11...Nce7 12.Bc2 exd4 13.cxd4 f5 14.exf5 Nxf5 15.Nf1 Qf6 16.Qd3 Bd7 17.Rac1 Kh8 18.a4 Rae8 19.b4 Nfe7 20.N1h2 Bf5 21.Qd2 Bxc2 22.Rxc2 Nd5 23.Rec1 Nh4 24.Nxh4 Qxh4 25.Ng4 Nxe3 26.fxe3 1-0 (40) Stara,Z (1919)-Viti,G (1971) Prague Futures U15 Girls 7th 2025 (8)]

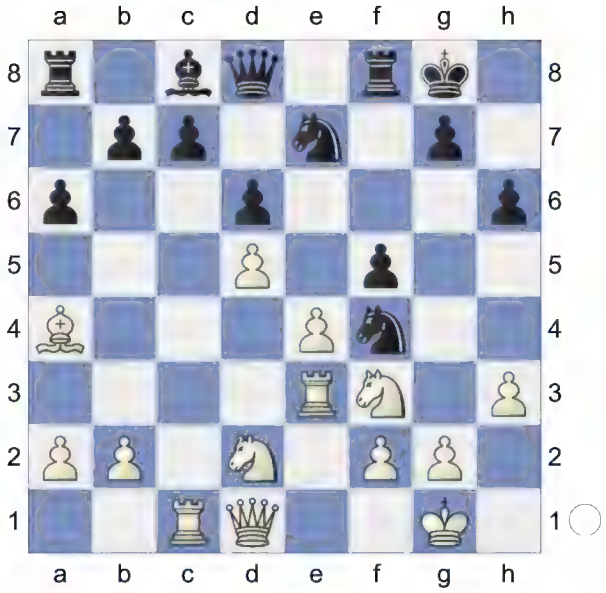
12.cxd4 Nce7 13.d5N

[13.Nf1 c6 14.Rc1 d5 15.e5 Nf5 16.Bc2 f6

A) 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Bxh6 *(18.Qd3 Nxe3 19.Rxe3 Nf4 20.Qh7+ Kf7 21.Bb1 Rh8 22.Qc2 Qd7 23.Rce1 Rae8* 11) ○ 8.Le3 Alternative 9.T-11 T-11 | 8.Le3 Alternative 9.Te1 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch *)* 18...Qd7 19.Bd2 Bf7 20.Bb4 Rfe8 21.Qd3 Re4 22.Bc5 b6 23.Bb4 b5 11) ○ 8.Le3 Alte Alternative 9.T-11 | 8.Le3 Alternative 9.Te1 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch;

B) 17.g4 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Nxe5 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.Nxe5 Qf6 21.Nd3 Qh4 11) ○ 8.Le3 Alternative 9.T-11 T-11 | 8.Le3 Alternative 9.Te1 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]

13...Bxe3 14.Rxe3 f5 15.Rc1 Nf4



16.Bb3 Kh8 17.Qc2 -0.30/18

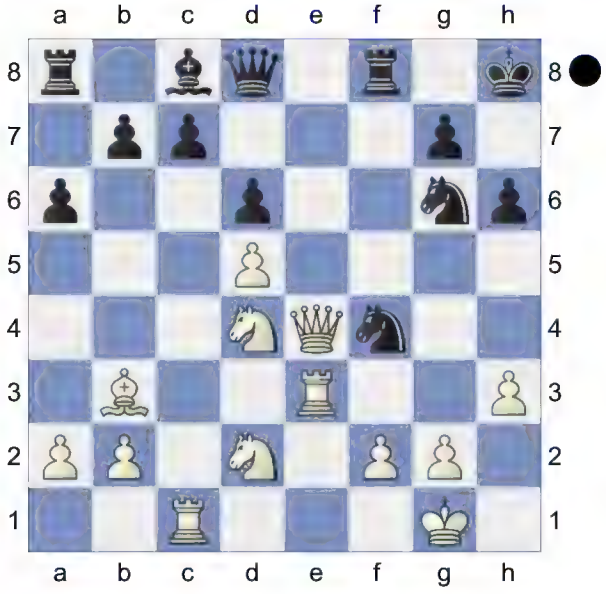
[White should try 17.Nh4⩲ 0.36/16]

17...fxe4 0.34/17

[Better is 17...Bd7!= -0.30/18]

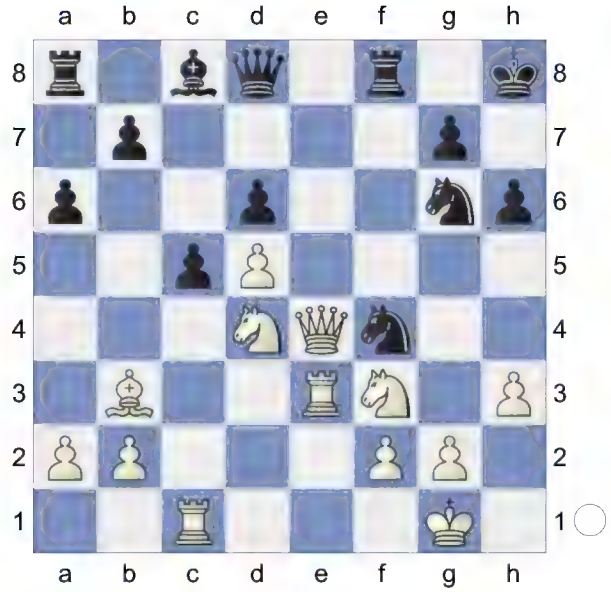
18.Qxe4⩲ Neg6 19.Nd4 -0.31/22

[19.Qd4= 0.29/16]



Prevents Bf5 **19...c6!** **20.N2f3⇄** White has counterplay. The position is

equal. **20...c5**

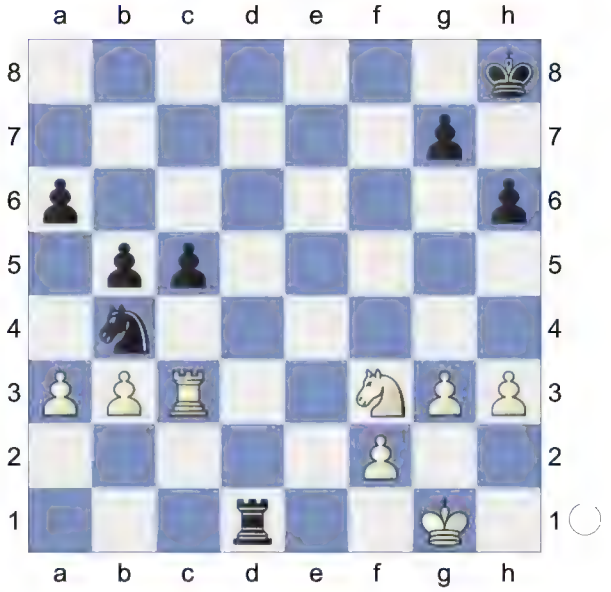


21.Ne6 Bxe6 22.dxe6 Strongly threatening e7!. **22...d5 23.e7 dxe4 24.exd8Q Raxd8 25.Rxe4 Nd3**

Excellent horsemanship. **26.Rc3 b5** Strongly threatening ...Ngf4!. **27.Bc2 Ngf4 28.Bxd3 Nxd3 29.b3 Rd5 30.Re3 Rfd8**

(Diagram)

31.g3 Nb4 32.a3 Rd1+ 33.Re1! R1d3 34.Re3 Rxc3 35.Rxc3= Endgame KRN-KRN **35...Rd1+**



36.Kg2 Nd3 37.Rc2 Rb1 38.Rc3 Rd1 39.Rc2! Ra1 40.Rc3

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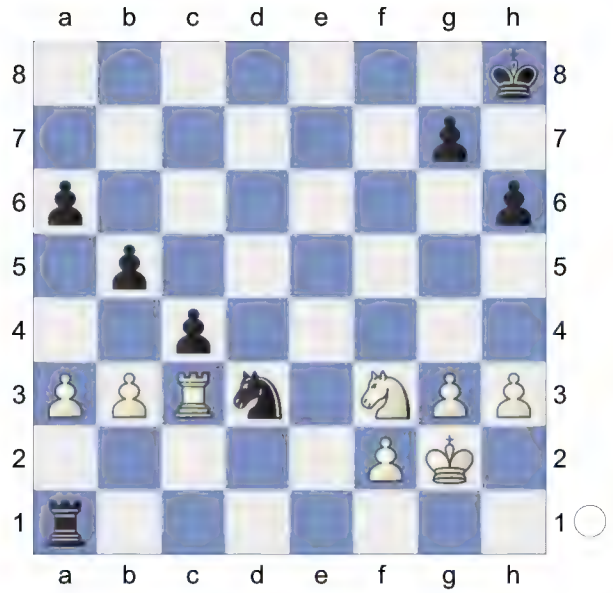
40...c4

(Diagram)



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58 **C70**
□ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2623**
■ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2599**
Hamdan bin Rashid Blitz (8.9) 09.12.21
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

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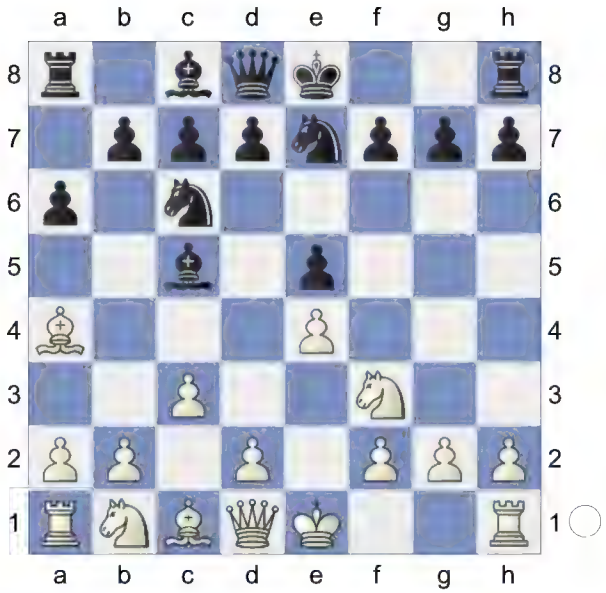
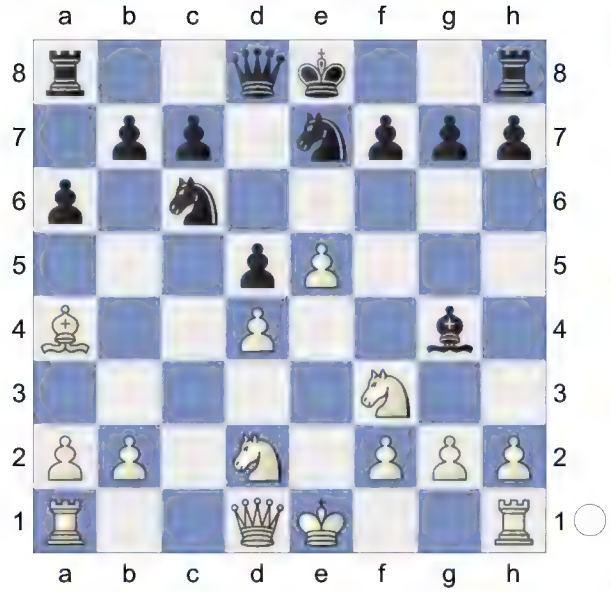
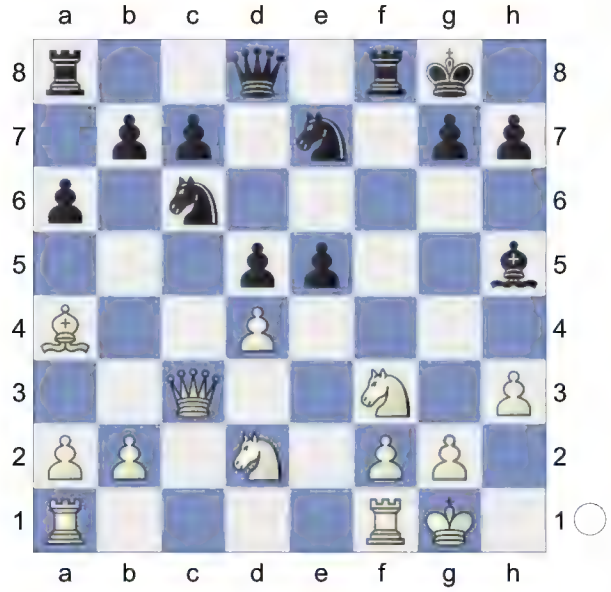


6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d5 10.e5 Bg4N**

[10...0-0 11.0-0 Bg4 *(11...f6 12.exf6 Rxf6 13.Re1 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.Qb3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Rxf3 18.Qxf3 Nxd4 19.Qc3 Nb5 20.Qc5 c6 21.Re7 Nd6 22.Rae1 Ne4 23.R1xe4 dxe4 24.Rxb7 Qd1+ 25.Kh2 Qd5 26.Qe7* 1-0 (62) Kramnik,V (2753)-Chyzy,J (2367) Titled Tue 24th Sep Early 2024 (2)*; 11...Bf5 12.Re1 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Bxc6 Nxc6 15.Qb3 b6 16.Qc3 Qd7 17.Rac1 Raf8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 c6 20.Rce1 Bg6 21.f3 Re8 22.Qb4 Qd8 23.Nf1 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Bf7 25.Qe1 Kf8 26.Ne3* 1-0 (40) Caruana,F (2804)-Batsuren,D (2515) American Cup Blitz 2024 (1.1)*)* 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rac1 Nd8 16.Qe3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Ne6 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.f4 Rf7 21.Rf3 Raf8 22.Rcf1 Qa4 23.a3 Qb5 24.b3 b6 25.Rc1 1-0 (71) Caruana,F (2766)-Yu Yangyi (2729) Airthings Masters Div 2 W rapid 2023 (5.1)]



11.h3 Bh5 12.Qc2 0-0 13.0-0 f6 14.Qc3 fxe5



15.Nxe5 0.07/15
[White should play 15.Bxc6± 0.64/19 Nxc6 16.Nxe5]
15...Nxe5=

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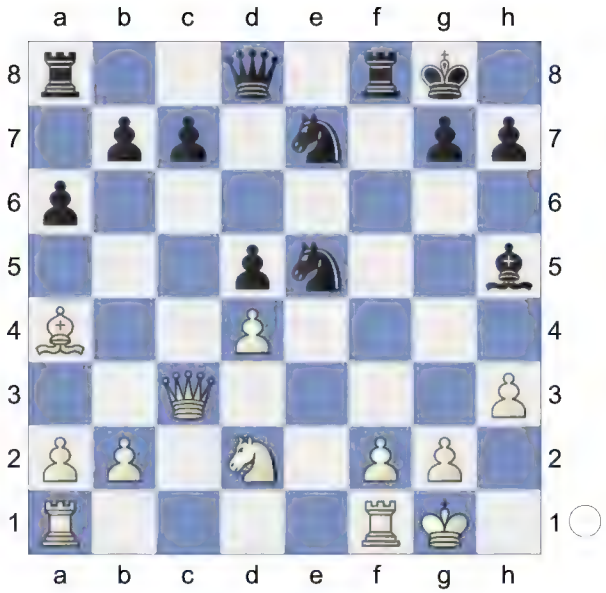

16.dxe5 Ng6 Dodges f4 **17.Rae1** -0.76/19
[17.g3!= 0.07/18 keeps the balance.]
17...Nf4∓ White does not recover from this. **18.e6?** -2.25/21
[18.Kh1∓ -0.70/20]
18...Qg5-+ 19.g4 Be8→ Black wants a kill. **20.Re5?** -3.62/20
[20.Bb3 -1.84/17]
20...Qh6 -2.17/17
[⌓20...d4 -3.62/20 21.Qxd4 Nxh3+ *(21...Bxa4 22.e7∓)* 22.Kg2 Nf4+ 23.Kg3 Qh6 *(23...Bxa4? 24.e7∓)*]

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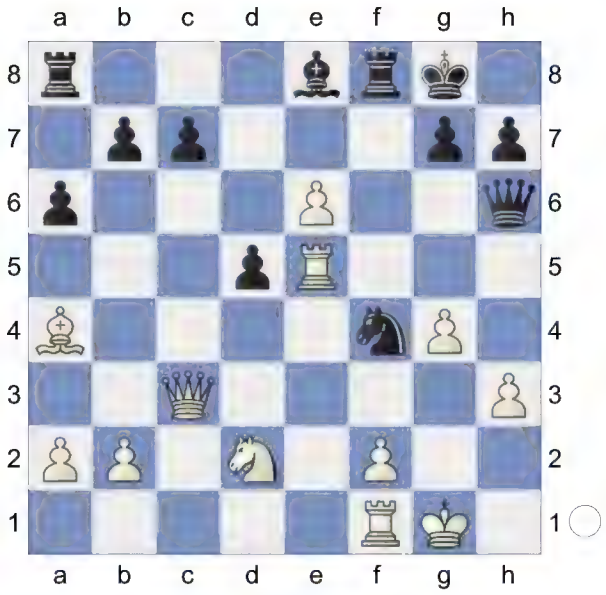
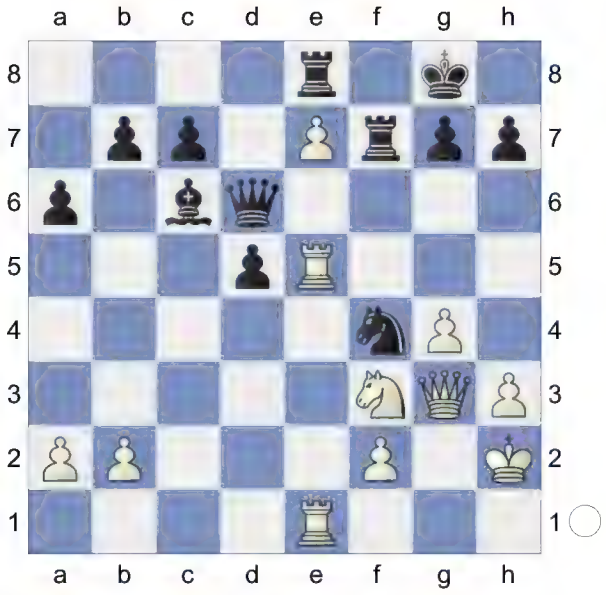
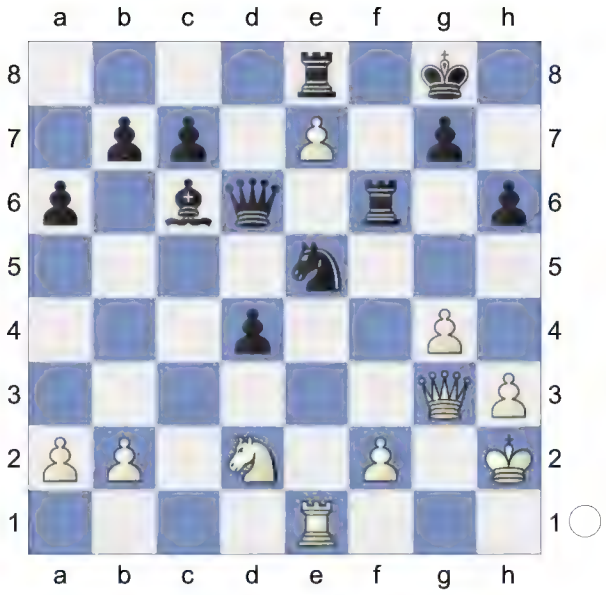


21.Kh2? -4.45/19
[21.Bb3 -2.17/17 was called for. Nxh3+ 22.Kg2 Nf4+ 23.Kg1]
21...Bxa4 Black is clearly winning. **22.e7 Rf7 23.Rfe1 Re8 24.Qg3 Bc6 25.Nf3 Qd6**



26.Ng5 Rf6 ...h6 is the strong threat.
[26...Rfxe7 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.Rxe7 Qxe7 29.Qxf4∓]
27.R1e3 -7.78/19
[⩲27.Rf5 -4.58/16]
27...h6 28.Nf3 d4 29.Re1 Ng6 30.Nd2 Nxe5



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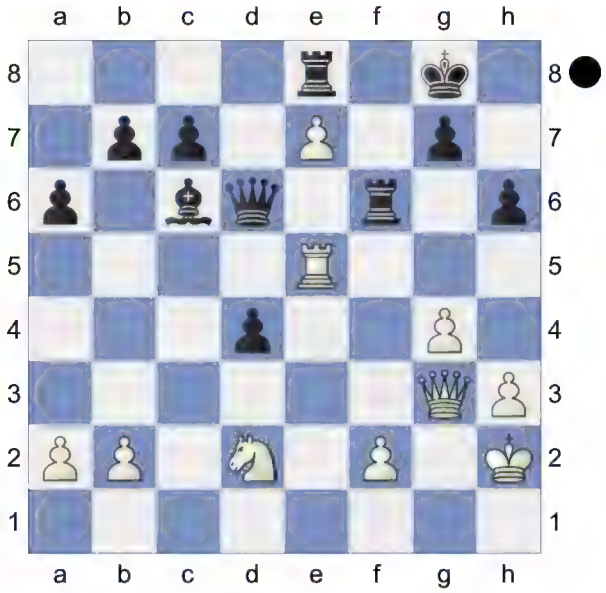

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31...Rxf2+!!

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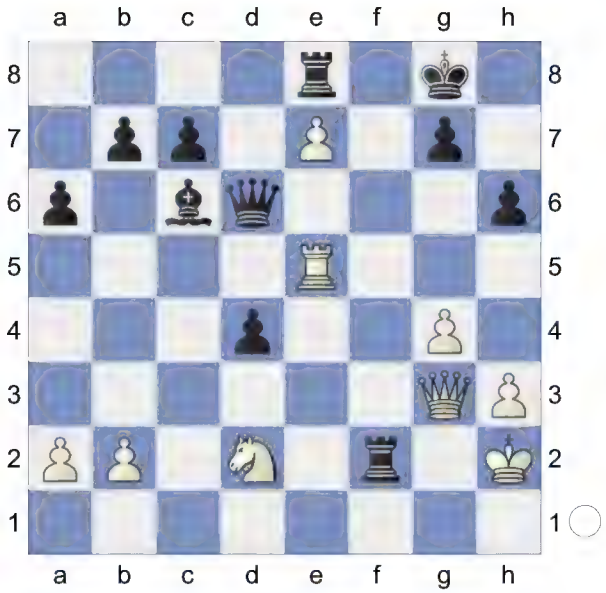

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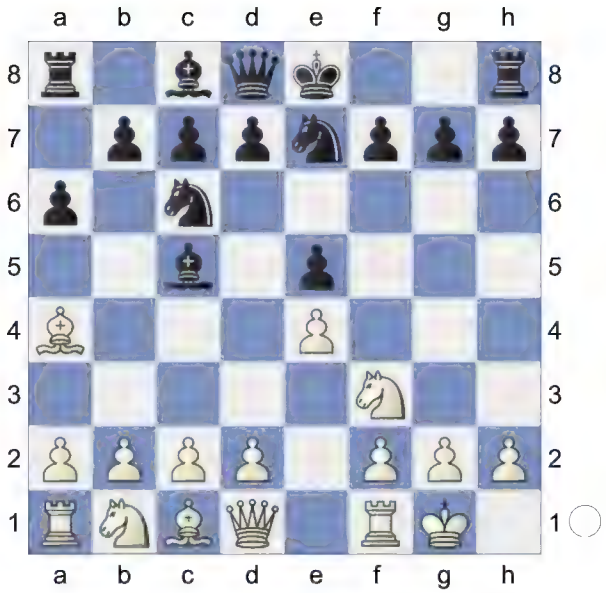
59 **C70**
□ **Shirov,Alexei** **2648**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2598**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

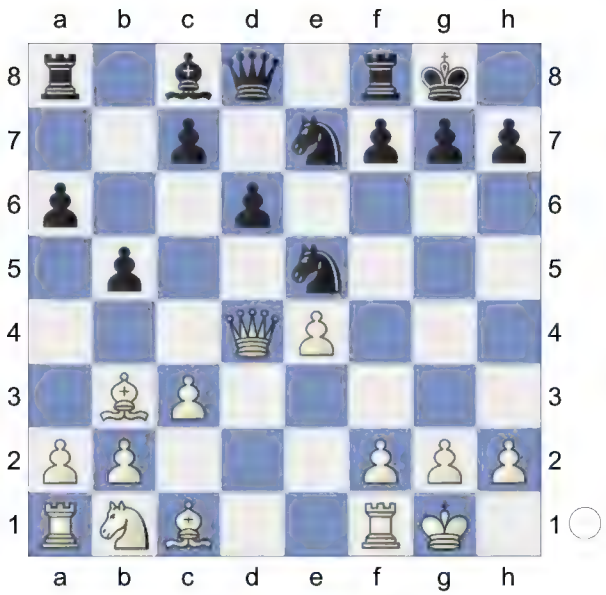
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7

(Diagram)



6.Nxe5! Remove Defender, Decoy
6...Nxe5 7.d4 b5 8.Bb3 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.c3**
[10.Qe3 c5 11.c3 0-0 12.Qg3 c4 13.Bc2 f5 14.Bg5 Qe8 15.Nd2 N7g6 16.f4 Nd3 17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.Rae1 Qc6 19.h4 fxe4 20.h5 d5 21.hxg6 Qxg6 22.Nb3 a5 23.Bh4 Qxg3 24.Bxg3 Bg4 1-0 (64) McShane,L (2674)-Matlakov,M (2688) EU-Cup Online Play-C rapid 2021 (2.3)]
10...0-0!

(Diagram)



outshines the older 10...c5.erfolgreicher als das alte 10...c5. **11.f4N**

[11.Bf4 Be6 12.Bxe5 Nc6 (13) Schnellstarter Kapitel-QS | 2 | Rückzug mit 5.O-O | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]

[11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 c5 13.Qd2 Bb7 14.f3 Qc7 15.a4 c4 16.Bc2 d5 17.exd5 Rad8 Line 2022]

11...c5 12.Qf2 -0.30/23

[12.Qd1± 0.42/20 Nd3 13.Qxd3]

12...Ng4 0.16/19

[12...Nd3 -0.30/23 13.Qe3 c4]

13.Qf3 -0.34/19

[13.Qh4= 0.16/19]

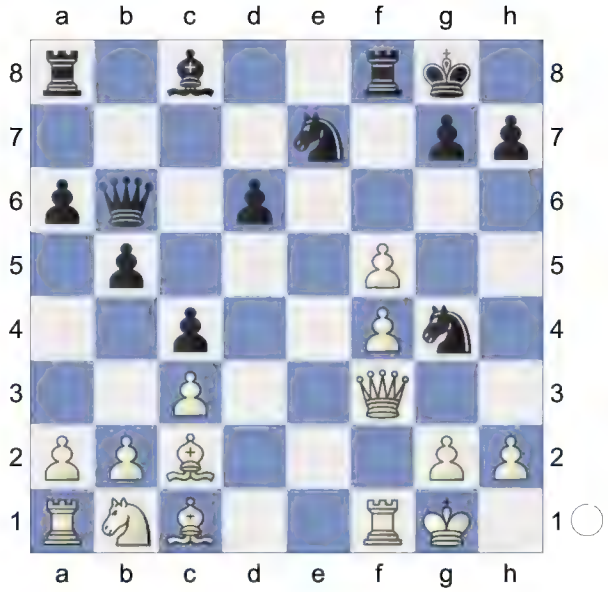
13...c4!∓ 14.Bc2 f5N

[14...d5 0.59/20 14...f5 -0.17 15.h3 Nf6 0.82/21 *(15...Qb6+± 0.42/22* feels stronger. *16.Kh1 Nh6)* 16.e5± Ne4 17.Bxe4 0.27/20 *(White should try 17.Nd2± 0.76/19)* 17...dxe4= 18.Qxe4 Bf5 19.Qf3 Ra7 0.66/19 *(19...Ng6= 0.04/20)* 20.Nd2 Rd7 ½-½ (58) Zhu,J (2455)-Harika,D (2511) FIDE Grand Swiss (Women) 2021 (4)]

15.exf5 -0.82/21

[15.h3∓ -0.31/17 Nf6 16.e5]

15...Qb6+∓



16.Kh1 Nf6 -0.06/20

[16...h5!∓ -1.01/23 ...Bb7 is the strong threat. 17.h3 *(17.Qxa8? Bb7-+)* 17...Bb7]

17.Be3=

[Much worse is 17.Qxa8 Bb7∓]

17...Qb8 0.55/22

[Black should play 17...Qb7= -0.10/23]

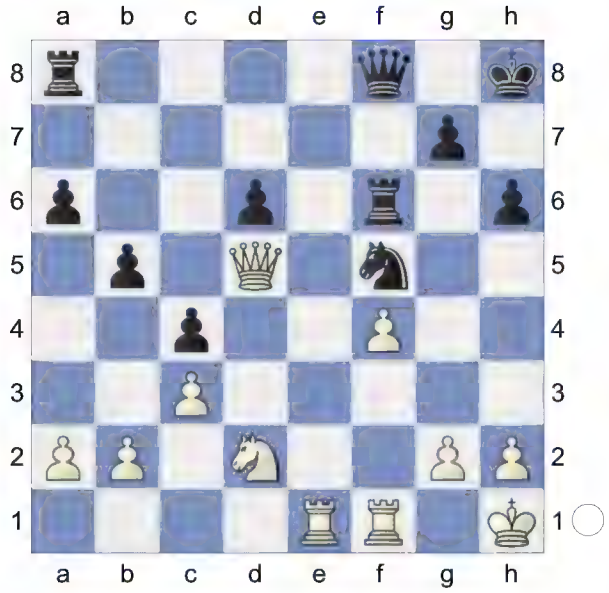
18.Bd4↑ Black is under pressure.

18...Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Nxf5 20.Bxf6 Rxf6

21.Nd2 h6 22.Qd5+ 0.30/21

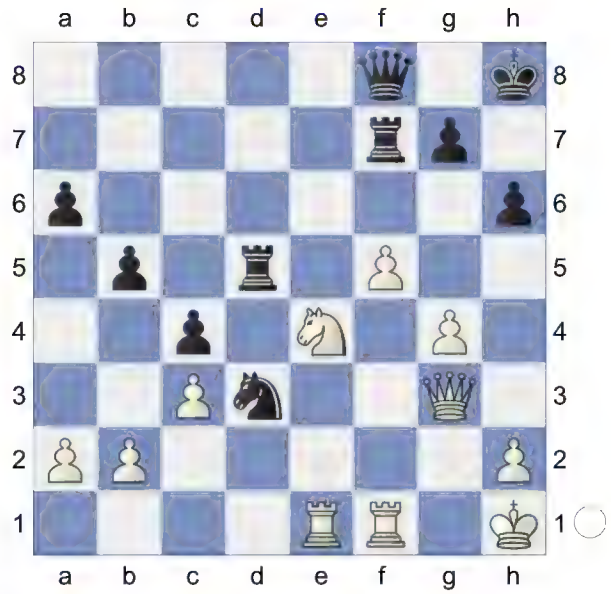
[22.Rae1± 0.69/19]

22...Kh8 **23.Rae1** Prevents Ne3
23...Qf8? 2.87/23
[23...Qg8!± 0.52/20 24.Qxg8+ Kxg8]



24.Ne4? 0.67/21
[24.g4!+- 2.87/23]
24...Rf7 25.g4 Ne7

26.Qxd6 Rd8 27.Qc5 White has more active pieces.
[27.Qxa6 Rxf4 28.Kg1 Nd5=
(28...Rxg4+ 29.Ng3±)]
27...Rd5 28.Qf2 Ng6 29.f5 Ne5
30.Qg3 0.35/20
[30.Qg2± 0.74/20]
30...Nd3



31.Re2 0.04/20
[31.Re3± 0.40/20]
31...Re5= 32.Qg2 Rfe7 33.Ng3 Rxe2 34.Nxe2 Qe8 35.Nd4 Re1

36.h3 Qe3 The position is equal.
37.Rxe1 Qxe1+ Endgame KQN-KQN. White is a pawn up. **38.Kh2 Nf4 39.Qf3 Qd2+ 40.Kg3 Nd3**

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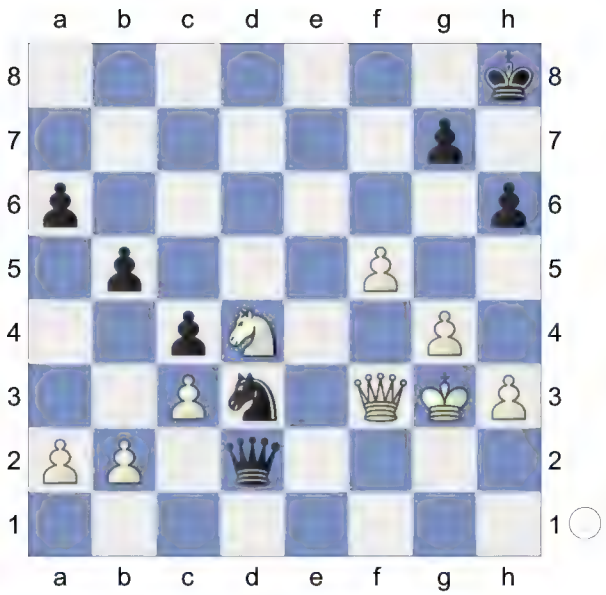
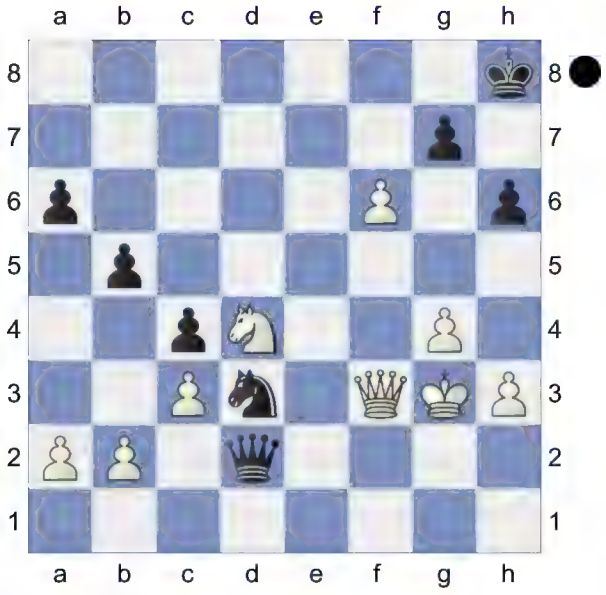


41.f6
[41.Qe2!? Qxe2 *(41...Qf4+ 42.Kg2=)* 42.Nxe2=]
41...Qe1+ 42.Kg2 Qd2+ 43.Kg3
Threatening mate with fxg7+. **43...Qe1+ 44.Kg2** Hoping for f7. **44...Qd2+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
45.Kg3



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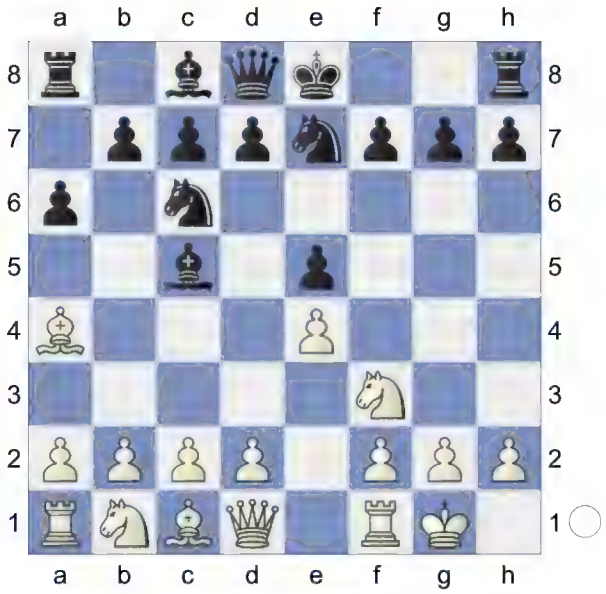
60 **C64**
□ **Sydykov,Bayastan** **2221**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2598**
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

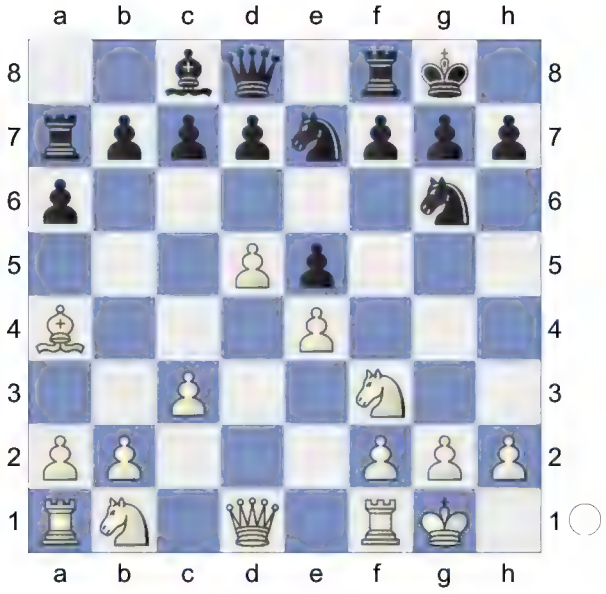
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7



6.c3 **Ng6!** 6...Ng6 scores better than 6... Ba7. 6...Sg6 punktet besser als 6...La7.
7.d4 Ba7 8.Be3 0-0 White is slightly better. **9.d5** 0.11/18
[9.Re1⩲ 0.52/19 Qf6 10.Nbd2 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.e5 Nxf3+ 13.Nxf3 Qe7 14.Bxa7 Rxa7 15.Qd4 Ra8 16.Rac1 d6 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Qxd6 cxd6 19.Rc7 Be6 20.Rxb7 Bxa2 21.b3 Rab8 22.Rxb8 Rxb8 23.Ra1 Rxb3 24.Bxb3 1-0 (37) Gumularz,S (2591)-Ragger,M (2581) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (4)]
9...Nce7 0.50/22
[9...Bxe3= 0.11/18 10.fxe3 Na5]
10.Bxa7N

[10.d6 cxd6 11.Qxd6 Bxe3 12.fxe3 a5 13.Bb5 b6 14.Nbd2 Bb7 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 d6 17.Qd4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.Nc4 a4 21.Nd6 a3 22.Nxb7 axb2 23.Rab1 Nxe3 24.Rf3 Nd5 1-0 (25) Steinberg,N (2554)-Aaditya,D (2448) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (5)]

10...Rxa7



11.d6! cxd6 12.Qxd6 f6N 1.10/19

[12...b5 13.Bb3 Qc7 14.Rd1 Qxd6 15.Rxd6 Rc7 16.h4 Bb7 17.h5 Nc8 18.Rd1 0.46/19 *(18.Rxg6!±* 0.91/21 Rg4 would now be deadly. *hxg6 19.hxg6)* 18...Nf4± 19.Nxe5 1-0 (42) Romanov,E (2584)-Hulka,V (2259) EU-ch 24th Petrovac 2024 (1)]

[12...b5± 0.42/21 13.Bb3 Qc7]

13.Na3 0.11/18

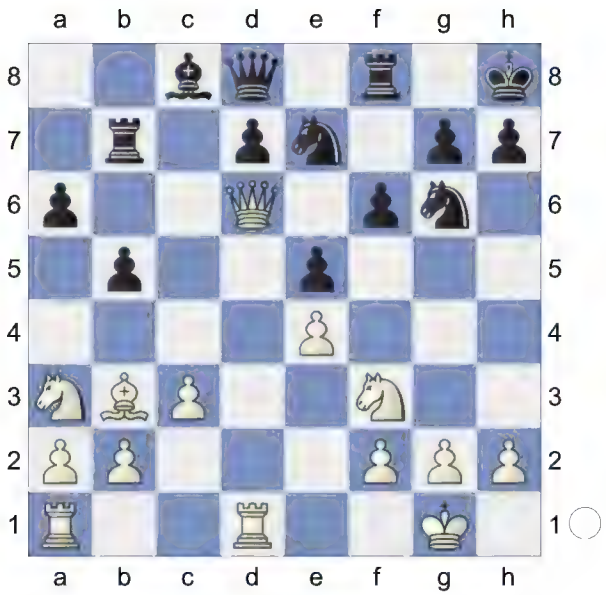
[13.c4!± 1.10/19]

13...b5= 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.Rfd1 -0.47/20

[15.Rad1= 0.00/18]

15...Rb7 -0.11/20

[15...Bb7∓ -0.47/20 might be stronger.]

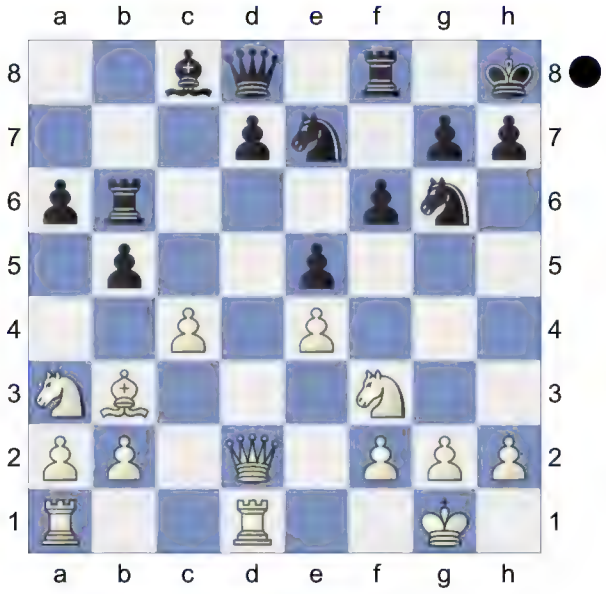


16.c4

[16.Qxa6? Rb6 17.Qa8 *(17.Qa5? Nc6-+)* 17...Nc6-+]

16...Rb6↑ Black is pushing. **17.Qd2** -1.12/18

[17.Qc5!= -0.28/17]



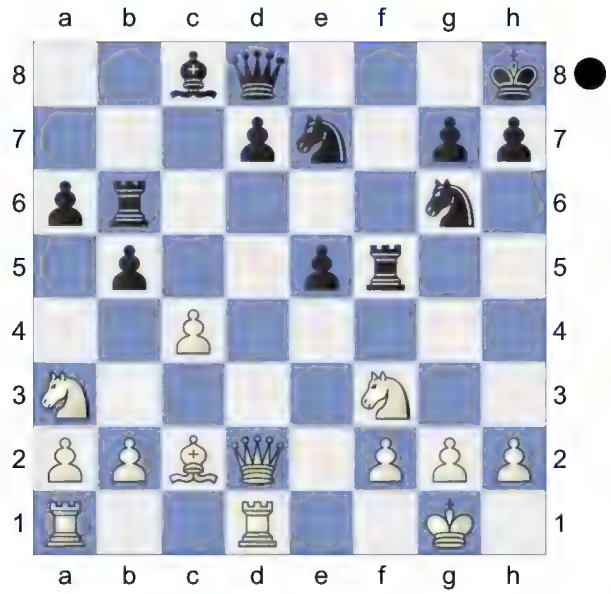
17...f5!∓ 18.exf5 -1.54/19

[White should try 18.Bc2 -1.13/17]

18...Rxf5 -0.99/17

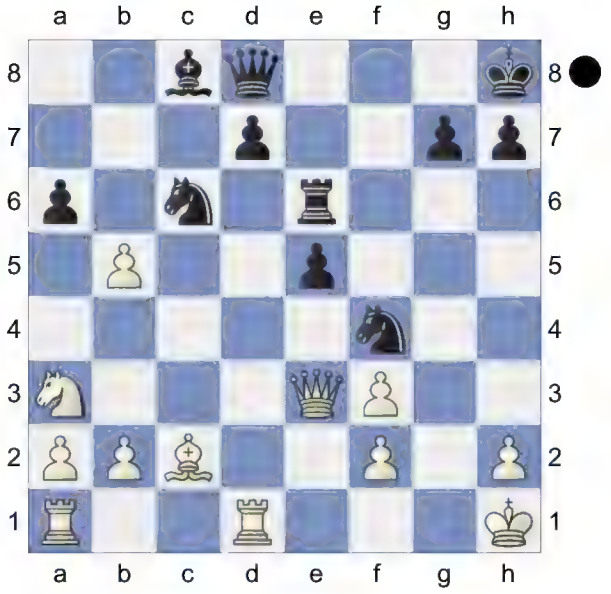
[Black should try 18...Nxf5 -1.54/19 White must now prevent ...Nf4. 19.cxb5 e4]

19.Bc2 -1.71/18
[19.cxb5∓ -0.99/17 axb5 20.Ne1]

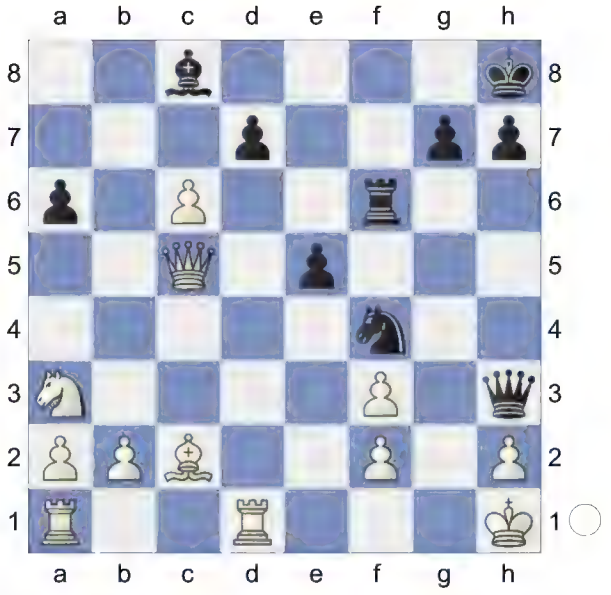


19...Rxf3!-+ 20.gxf3 Nf4
[20...d5 21.cxd5 Nf4 22.Kh1]

21.Qe3 Re6 22.Kh1? -3.42/21
[22.Qe4 -1.86/16 Neg6 *(22...Nh3+ 23.Kf1∓)* 23.Kh1]
22...Nc6 A dynamic duo of knights.
23.cxb5? -4.90/19
[23.Rg1 -2.25/19 was worth a try. b4 24.Nb1]



23...Qh4! (-> ...Rh6!) **24.Qc5**
[24.bxc6 Rh6]
24...Rf6 Wards off Qf8+. (-> ...Qh3!)
25.bxc6 -#4/20
[25.Rd4-+ -4.95/22 Qxf2 Pin *(25...exd4? 26.Re1-+)* 26.Rxf4 Qxc5 27.Rxf6 gxf6 28.bxc6]
25...Qh3



Black mates. **26.Rg1 Qxf3+ 27.Rg2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/ Black=0.20 (precise)

27...Qxg2#

0-1

61 **C70**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2664**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2598**
Titled Tue 19th Nov Early (9) 19.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7

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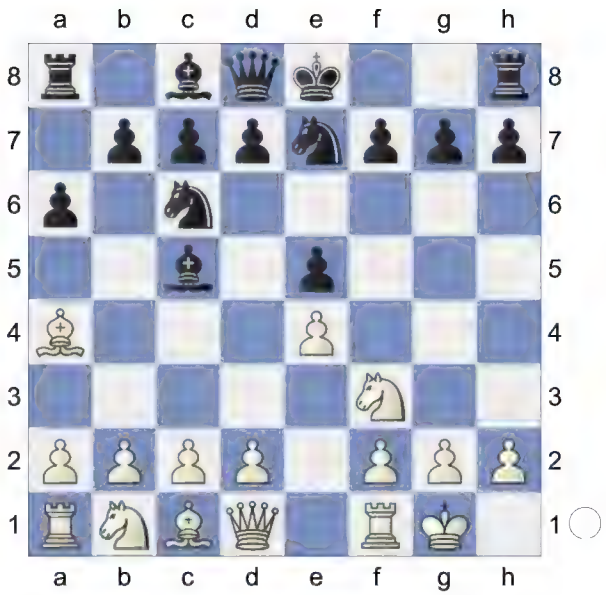
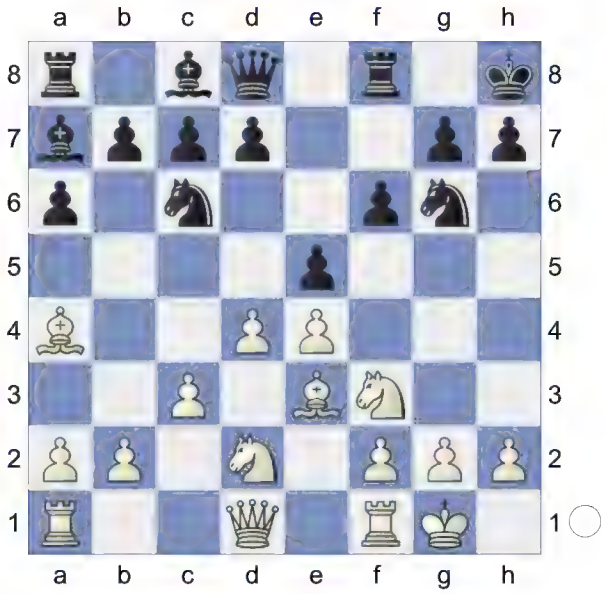


6.c3 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Nbd2 Kh8



11.Re1 d6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4
[13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 f5 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.Nf3 fxe4 17.Rxe4 Bf5 18.Re3 b5 19.Bb3 c5 20.a4 c4 21.Qd4 Raf7 22.Bd1 d5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ne5 Nxe5 25.Rxe5 Be4 26.f3 Rf4 27.fxe4 Rf1+ 1-0 (60) Dominguez Perez,L (2760)-Nabaty,T (2678) Netanya Masters 2019 (4)]
13...Nce7 14.d5N

[14.Nf1 d5 *(14...c6 15.Rc1 f5 16.Bg5 fxe4 17.Rxe4 h6 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Qe2 Ng6 20.Ng3 d5 21.Re3 Nf4 22.Qd2 Bxh3 23.gxh3 Qd7 24.Qe1 Nxh3+ 25.Kh2 Qg4 26.Bd1 Nf4 27.Kg1 h5 28.Nh2 Qh3 29.Qf1* 0-1 (52) Ilamparthi,A (2505)-Dyachuk,A (2293) Wch U20 62nd 2025 (10) *)* 15.e5 *(15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 Bd7 17.Bc2 Re8 18.Be4 Bc6 19.Qc2 Nf8 20.Ng3 Qd7 21.h4 Re6 22.Bf5 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Qf7 24.Bd3 Qd7 25.Bf5 Qf7 26.Bd3 Qd7 27.Bf5 Qf7 28.Bd3 Nb6 29.Be4 Bd5* 1-0 (44) Murzin,V (2556)-Makarian,R (2505) The Game has begun U20 2022 (2)*)* 15...Nf5 16.Bc2 fxe5 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.dxe5 Qf7 19.Ne3 c6 20.Ng4 Be6 21.Bd2 h6 22.Rc1 Nfh4 23.Bb4 Nxf3+ 24.Qxf3 Qxf3 25.gxf3 Nh4 26.Bxf8 Nxf3+ 27.Kf1 Rxf8 28.Re2 h5 0-1 (46) Kamalidenova,M (2373)-Ghosh,D (2553) PRO League Prelim rapid 2023 (5.3)]

[14.Bc2 c6 15.Nb3 Be6 16.Qd2 f5 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Bg8 19.exf5 Nxd5 20.Qd2 Nh4 12) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 5.c3 und 6.O-O-12 | 6.O-O: 8.Lg5 Nebenvarian Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]

14...Bxe3 15.Rxe3 f5

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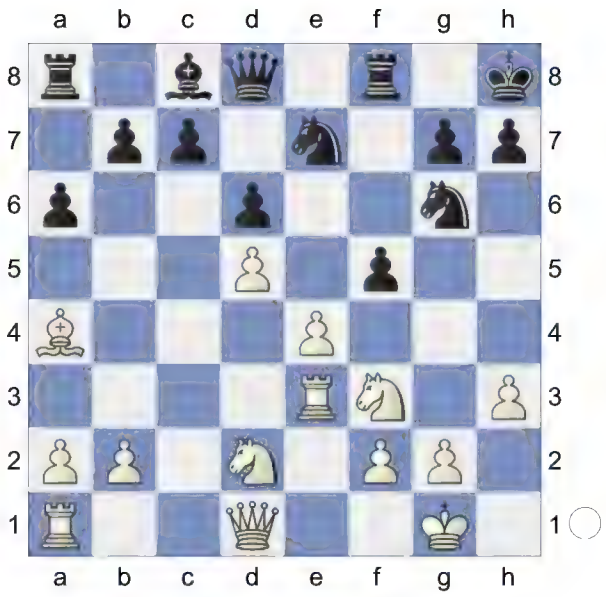


16.Bc2 -0.32/18

[16.Bb3± 0.31/19]

16...Nf4∓ 17.Nd4 -1.15/18

[White should play 17.Nb3∓ -0.34/20]

17...fxe4∓ 18.Nxe4 Nexd5 19.Rg3 c5 20.Nf3 Bf5 -1.02/16

[⌓20...Qe7 -1.43/19 Strongly threatening ...Bf5. 21.Qd2 Nb4]

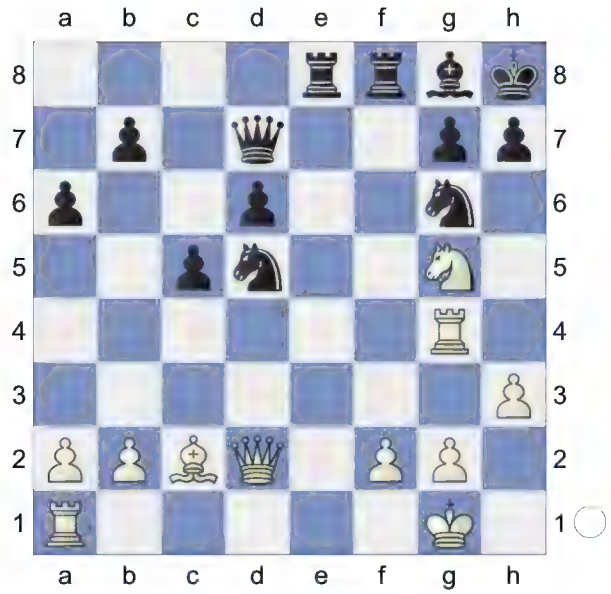
21.Qd2 Qd7 -0.38/20

[21...h6∓ -1.04/20 22.Re1 Rc8]

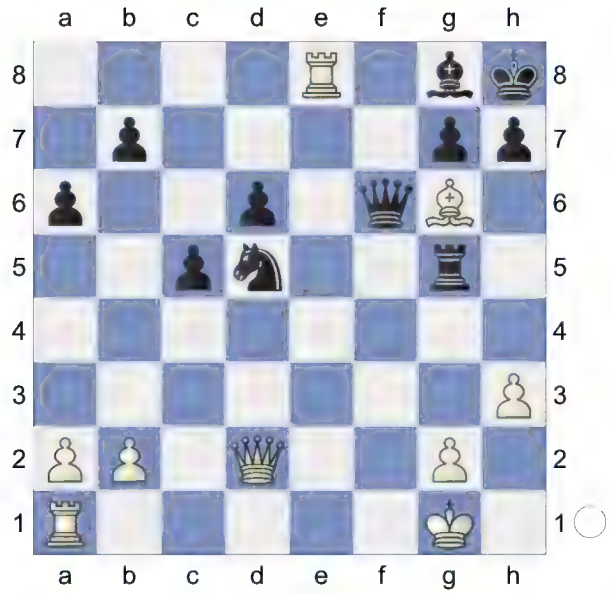
22.Nh4∓ Be6 23.Ng5! Bg8

Threatening ...Rae8. **24.Rg4! Rae8**

25.Ng6+ Nxg6
[25...hxg6 26.Rh4+±]



26.Bxg6 Re5 27.f4 Rxf4 2.34/21
[27...Re7!= 0.00/20 and Black stays safe.]
28.Rxf4+- Rxg5 29.Rf8 Qe7 30.Re8! Qf6



31.Be4 Nf4

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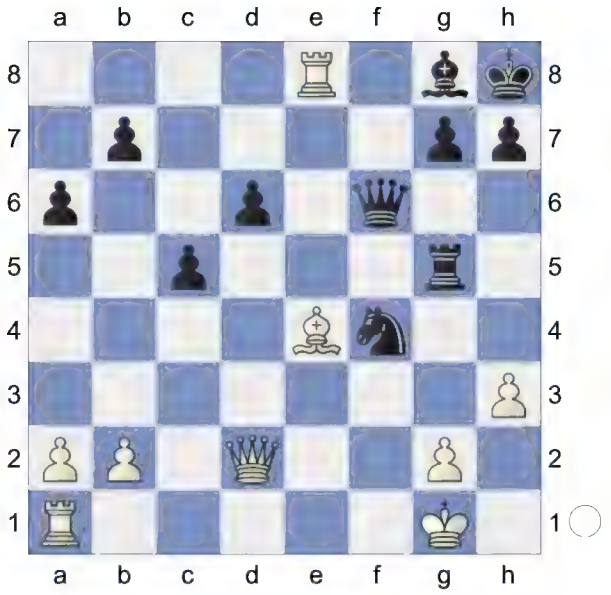
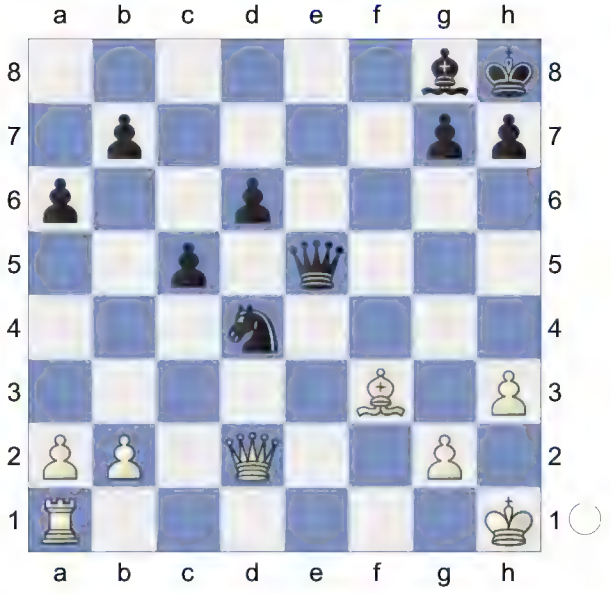


32.Kh2→ 0.01/19 White mounts an attack.
[White must play 32.Kh1!+- 2.19/17 Re5 33.Rxe5 dxe5 34.Bxb7]
32...Re5!= 33.Rxe5 Qxe5 34.Bf3 Ne2+ 1.06/19
[34...Nd3+= 0.01/19 keeps the balance. 35.Kh1 c4]
35.Kh1± Nd4 2.56/18
[35...Ng3+± 1.05/18 36.Kg1 d5]



36.Rf1? 0.46/20
[36.Bxb7+- 2.56/18 aiming for Re1!.

a5 37.Re1 *(37.Qxa5 Ne2±)*]

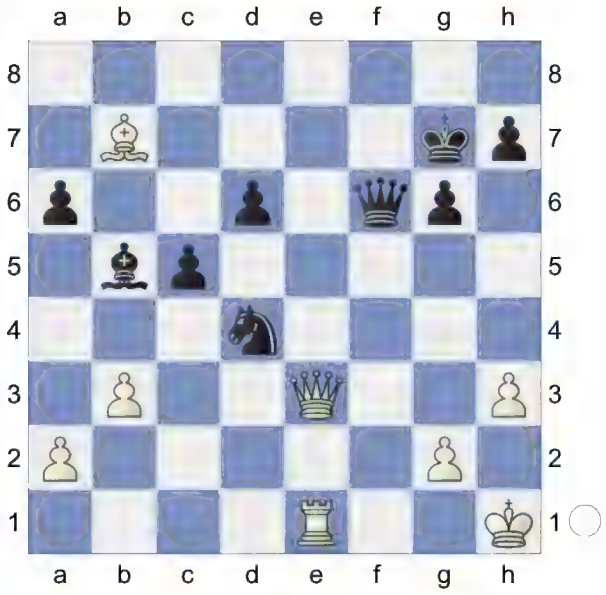
36...g6? 2.01/18

[36...Bc4!± 0.46/20 37.Rf2 Nxf3 38.Rxf3 h6]

37.Bxb7+- Bc4 3.23/19

[37...Bxa2 1.93/16 was necessary. 38.Bxa6 Kg7]

38.Re1 Qf6 39.b3 Bb5 40.Qe3 Kg7



41.Qe7+ Qf7 4.48/20

[⌓41...Qxe7 2.96/21 42.Rxe7+ Kg8 43.Bd5+ Kh8]

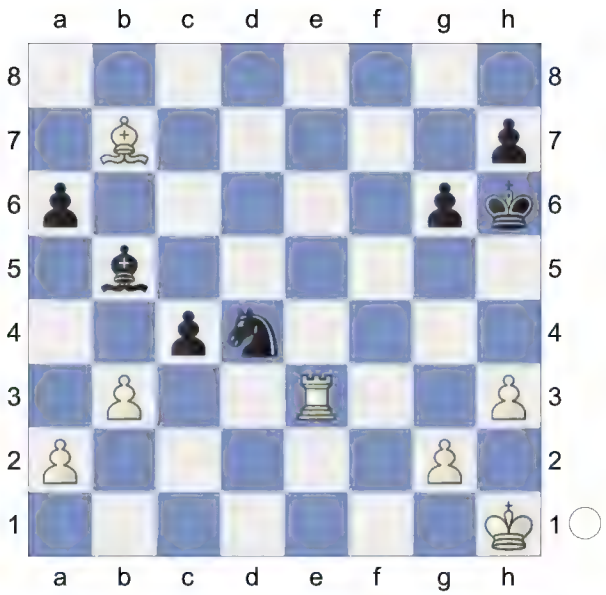
42.Qxd6 Qf2 7.59/20

[⌓42...Nf5 4.42/17 43.Qe5+ *(43.Qxc5 Qxb7 44.Qe5+ Kf7±)* 43...Qf6 44.Qxc5 Ng3+ 45.Kh2 Ne2 46.Qc7+ Kh6]

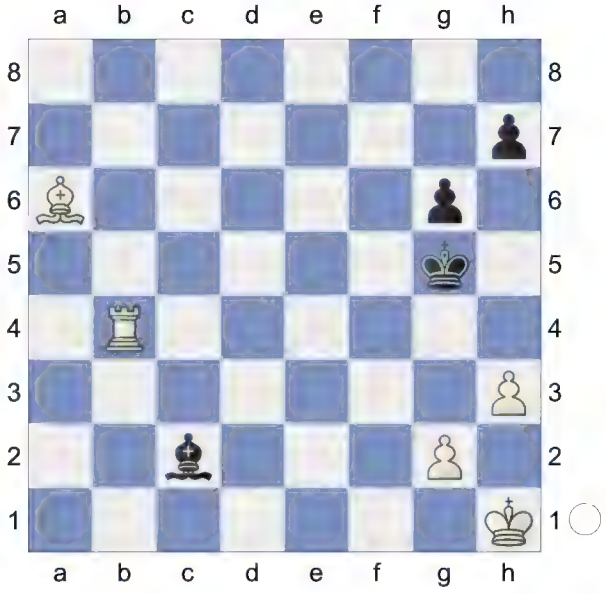
43.Qe5+ Kh6 44.Qe3+ Qxe3 45.Rxe3

Endgame KRB-KBN **45...c4**

(Diagram)



46.bxc4 Bxc4 47.Re4 Bxa2 48.Rxd4 Bb3 49.Rb4 Bc2 50.Bxa6 Kg5



51.Bf1 h5 52.Kg1 h4 53.Kf2 Bf5 54.Be2 Be6 55.Bg4 Bd5

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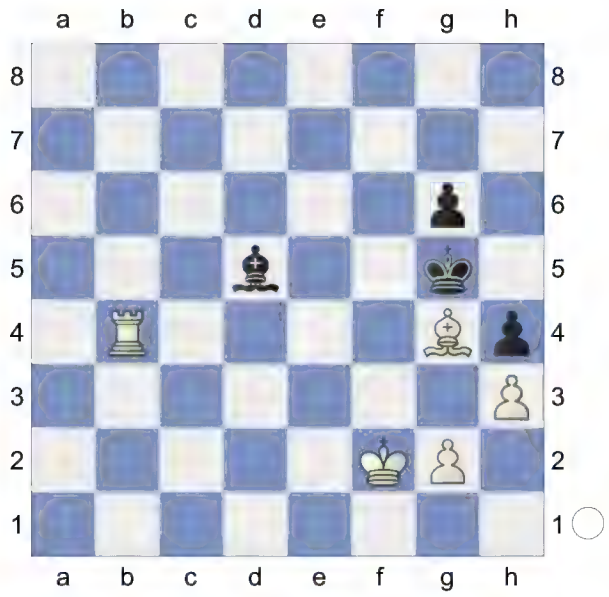
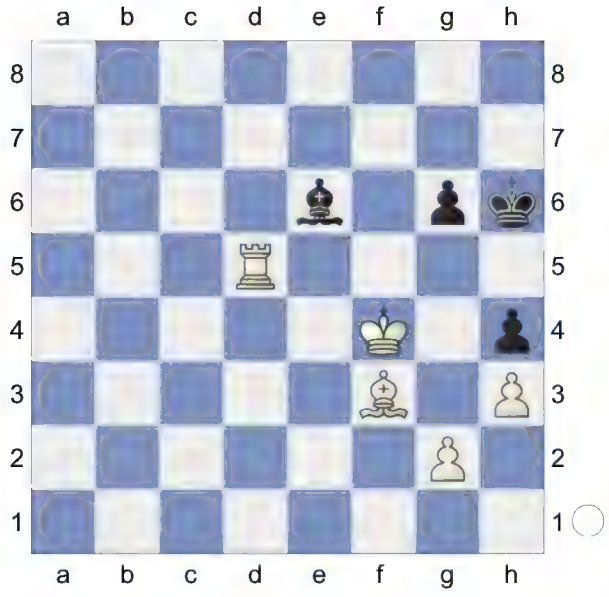


56.Bf3 12.73/23

[⌓56.Rb5 #10/21 Kf6 57.Rxd5 Kf7 58.Ke3 *(58.Rd7+ Kf6 59.Kf3 Ke5 60.Ke3 g5 61.Kf3 Kf6 62.Ke4 Kg6 63.Ke5 Kh6 64.Bf5 g4 65.Kf4 gxh3 66.Rh7#)* 58...Kf6 59.Rd6+ Kf7 60.Rd7+ Kf6 61.Kd4 *(61.Rd6+ Kf7 62.Rd7+ Kf6 63.Kd4 g5 64.Ra7 Kg6 65.Ke5 Kh6 66.Rd7 Kg6 67.Bf5+ Kh6 68.Rh7#)*]

56...Be6 White is clearly winning.

57.Ke3 Bd7 58.Rd4 Bc8 59.Rd5+ Kh6 60.Kf4 Be6



61.Rg5 Bc8

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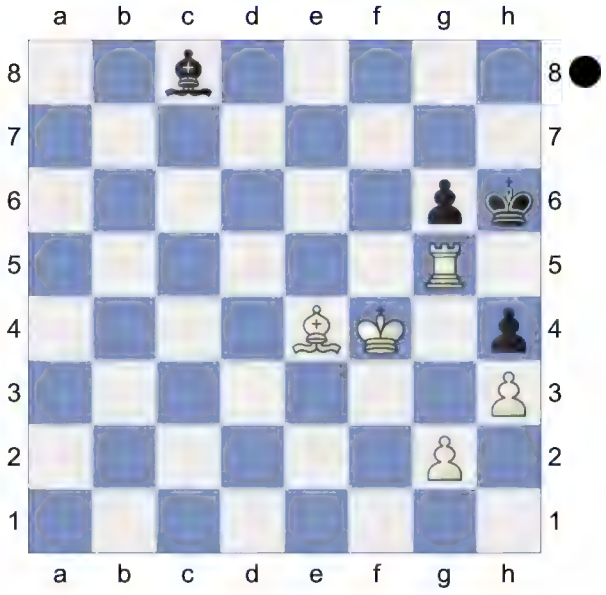
62.Be4



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62 **C70**

□ **Deac,Bogdan-Daniel** **2692**

■ **Ragger,M** **2580**

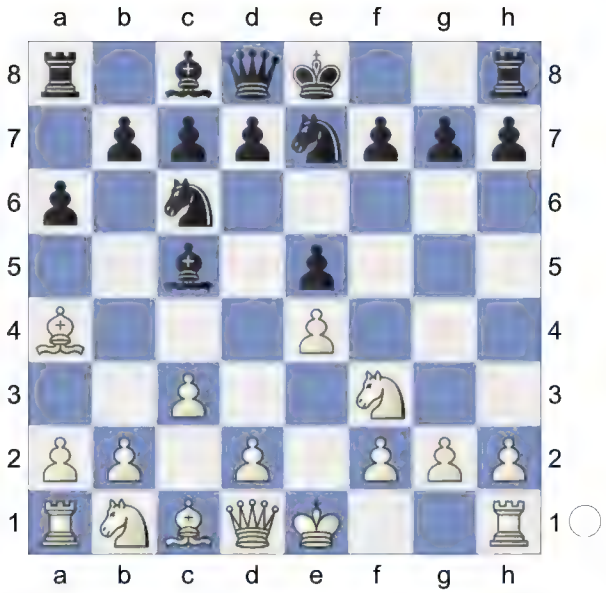
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (9) 25.2.25

[Kitty Kat]

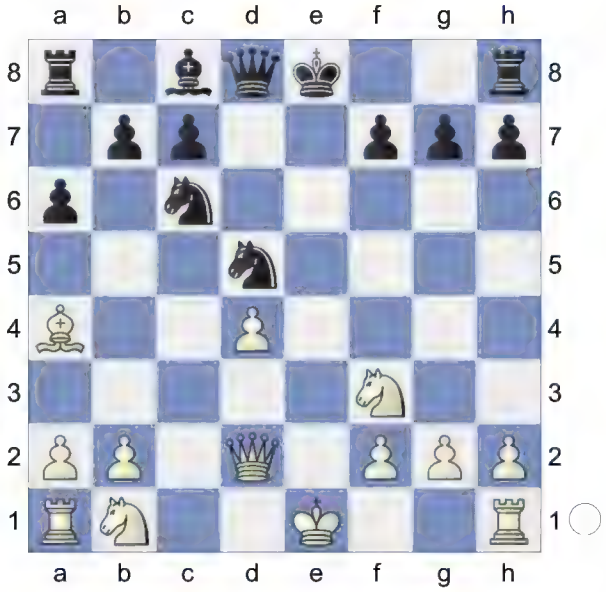
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

(Diagram)



6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5**



11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Ne5 Ne7N

[13...Be6 14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.Nxc6 Ne4 16.Qf4 Qd6 17.Qxe4 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 9. Ruy Lopez Delayed Classica-Delayed Classical Bxd2]

14.Qc3 Be6 15.Nd2

[15.Nxc6 Nxc6 16.Qxc6 Qxd4=]

15...Bd5

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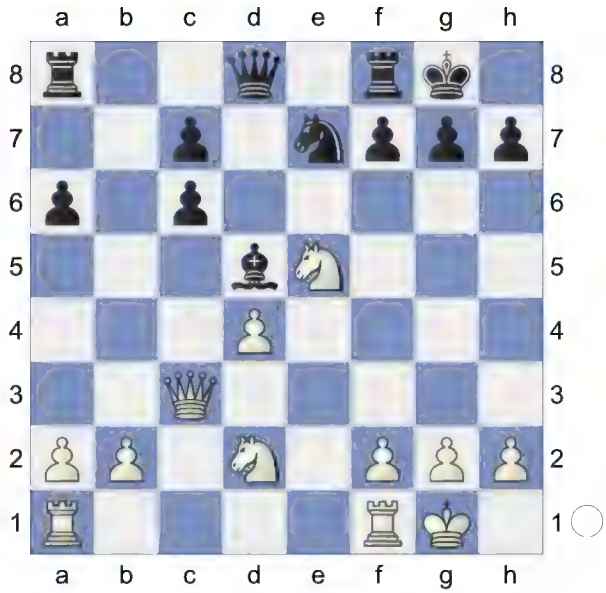


16.Ndc4 f6 0.45/22

[16...Nf5= 0.06/19]

17.Nd3± A dynamic duo of knights.

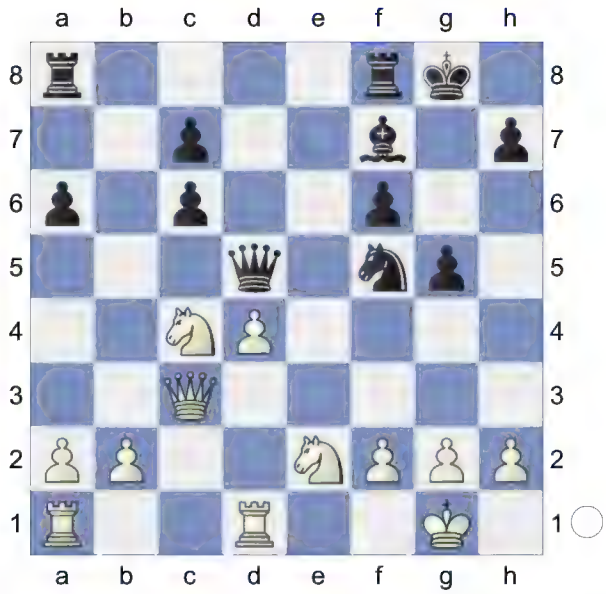
17...Nf5 18.Nf4 0.00/21

[18.Ne3± 0.58/19 Ne7 19.Nxd5 Qxd5 20.Rfe1]

18...Bf7 19.Rfd1 g5 0.35/20

[19...Re8= -0.15/20]

20.Ne2 Qd5



21.Ne3 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Rae8 23.Ng3 Inhibits Qe4. **23...Bg6** Prevents e4

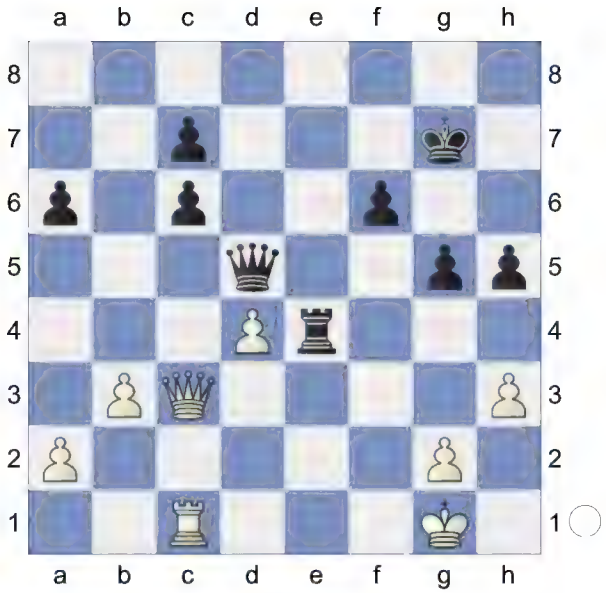
24.Rac1 Re6 25.Re1 Rfe8 0.32/21

[25...Qxa2= -0.08/20 26.Ra1 *(26.e4*

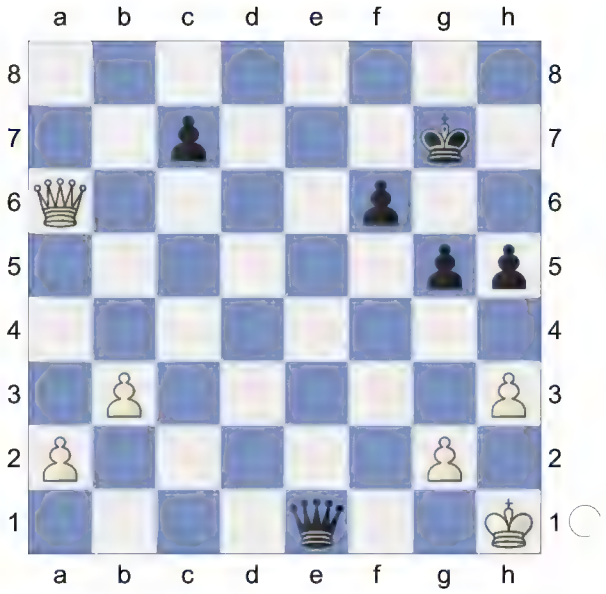
Rb8=) 26...Qd5]

26.b3 -0.12/18
[26.Qa3± 0.32/21]
26...Kg7 27.h3 h5 28.e4 Deflection
28...Bxe4
[28...Qb5 looks sharper. 29.a4 Qb6 30.a5 Qa7]
29.Nxe4
[29.Nxh5+ Kh6 30.Rxe4 *(30.g4? Bh1-+)* 30...Qxe4∓]
29...Rxe4 30.Rxe4 Rxe4
[30...Qxe4 31.Qxc6 Qxd4+ 32.Kh1∓]

(Diagram)

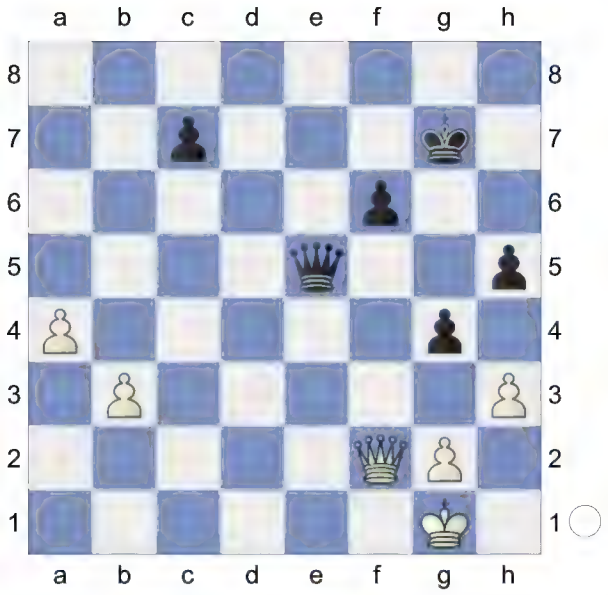


31.Qxc6 Qxd4+= Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **32.Kh1 Re7 33.Qxa6 Qf2 34.Rf1 Re1 35.Rxe1 Qxe1+**

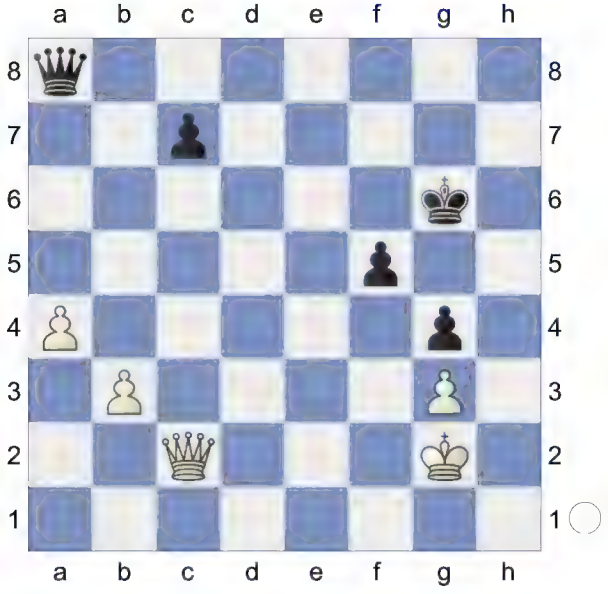


KQ-KQ **36.Kh2 Qe5+ 37.Kg1 Qe1+ 38.Qf1 Qe3+ 39.Qf2 Qe5 40.a4 g4**

(Diagram)

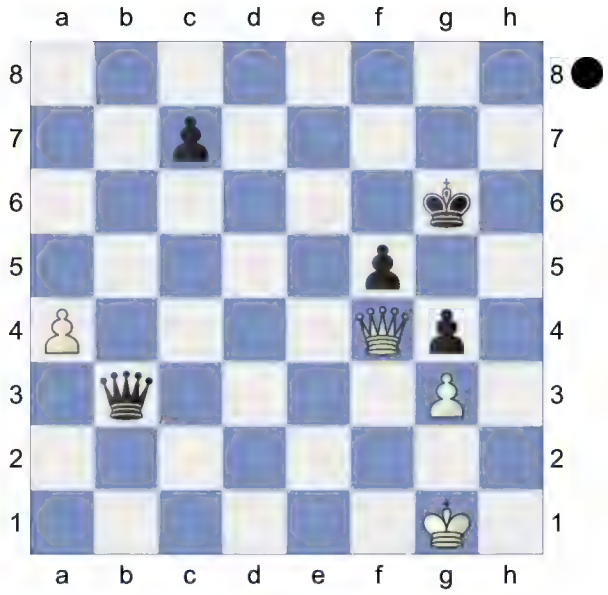


41.hxg4 hxg4 42.g3 Kg6 43.Qc2+ f5 44.Kh2 Qh8+ 45.Kg2? -2.31/26
[45.Kg1= 0.00/20]
45...Qa8+? 0.00/30
[45...Qh3+-+ -2.31/26 46.Kg1 Qxg3+ 47.Kh1 Qe5]

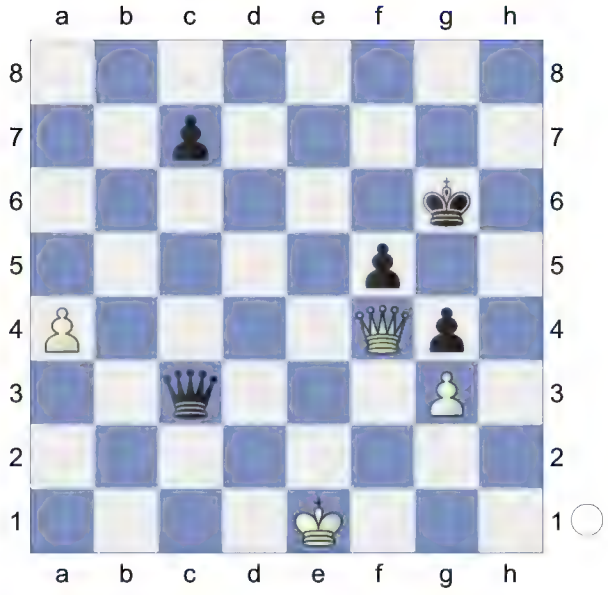


46.Kg1 Qf3 47.Qf2 And now Qxf3 would win. **47...Qxb3 48.Qf4** -2.41/25
[48.Qe1= -0.13/23]

(Diagram)

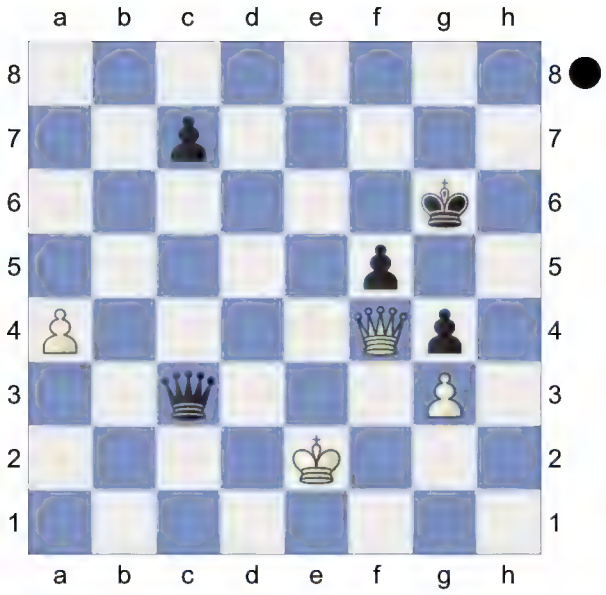


48...Qd1+? -0.16/24 **49.Kf2 Qc2+ 50.Ke1?** -1.75/25
[50.Kf1= -0.04/23 and White has nothing to worry.]
50...Qc3+∓ -1.54/25
[50...Kf6]
[50...Qc5-+ -1.75/25 Hoping for ...Kf7. 51.Kd2 Kh5]



51.Ke2

(Diagram)



Qb2+ 0.00/24

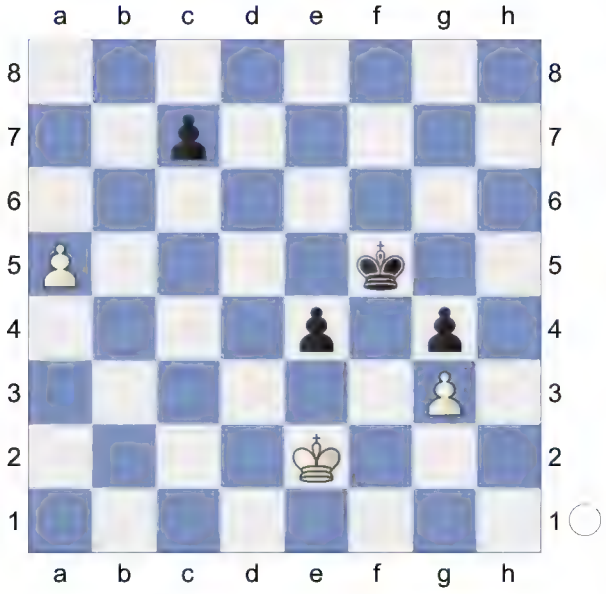
[Better is 51...Qa5!∓ -1.27/24]

52.Ke1? -1.54/25

[52.Qd2 Qb3]

[52.Kf1= 0.00/24 Qc3]

52...Qb1+ -0.12/21 **53.Ke2 Qe4+?** 53.80/22 **54.Qxe4+- fxe4** K3P-KPP. Black is a pawn up. **55.a5 Kf5**



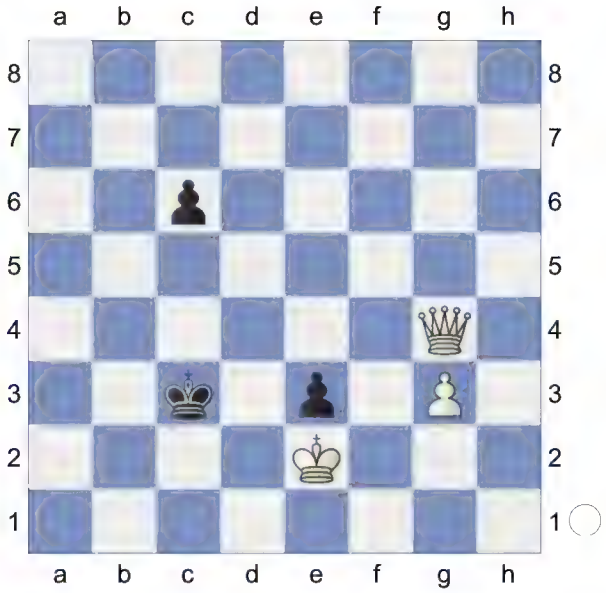
56.a6 Ke5 57.a7 85.26/21

[⌓57.Ke3 #50/23 Kd5 58.a7 Kc6 59.a8Q+ *(59.a8B+ Kc5+-)* 59...Kd6 60.Kxe4 c6 61.Qa3+ c5 62.Qa6+ Ke7 63.Ke5]

57...Kd4 58.a8Q Intending Qd8+ and mate. **58...c6 59.Qg8** 22.64/20

[⌓59.Qxc6 #22/22 e3 60.Qe6 *(60.Qc8 Ke5 61.Kxe3 Kd6 62.Qd8+ Ke6 63.Kf4 Kf7 64.Kf5 Kg7 65.Qe7+ Kg8 66.Kf6 Kh8 67.Qg7#)* 60...Kc3 61.Kxe3 *(61.Qxe3+ Kb4 62.Kd2 Kb5 63.Qe6 Kc5 64.Kc3 Kb5 65.Qd6 Ka5 66.Kc4 Ka4 67.Qb4#)* 61...Kc2 62.Qc6+ *(62.Qxg4 Kc1 63.Kd3 Kb2 64.Qb4+ Ka2 65.Kc3 Ka1 66.Qb2#)* 62...Kb3 63.Kd3 Ka3 64.Qb5 Ka2 65.Kc2 Ka3 66.Qb3#]

59...e3 60.Qxg4+ White mates. **60...Kc3**



61.Kxe3 c5 62.Qe4 c4 63.g4 Kb2 64.g5 c3 65.Qb4+ Kc1

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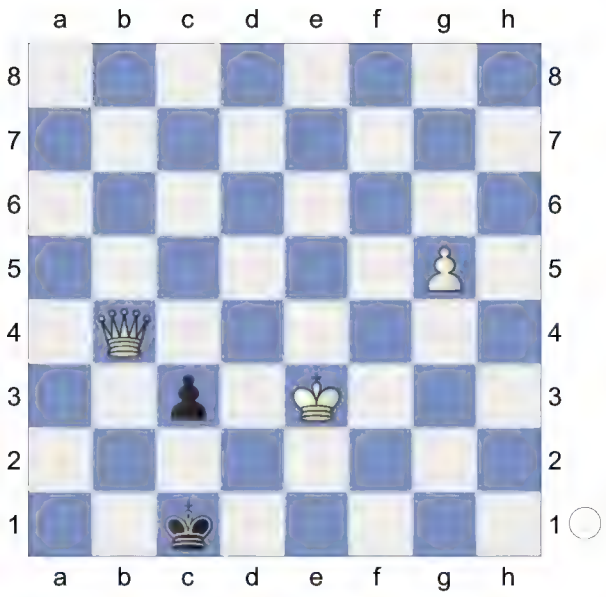
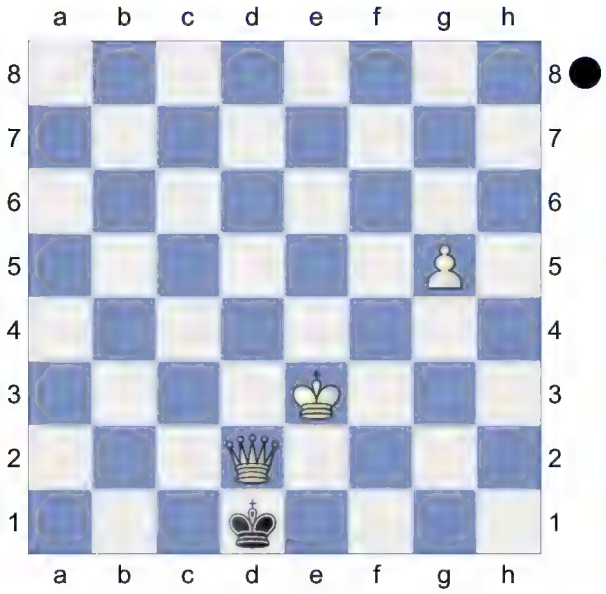


66.Qxc3+ Kd1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.71

67.Qd2#



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63 **C70**

□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2740**

■ **Ragger,M** **2579**

Titled Tue 5th Nov Late (4) 05.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

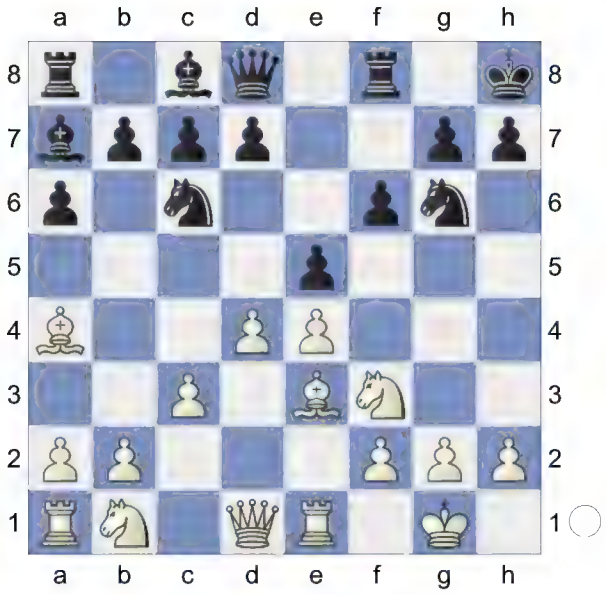
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7

6.c3 Ba7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Bg5 f6

White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**

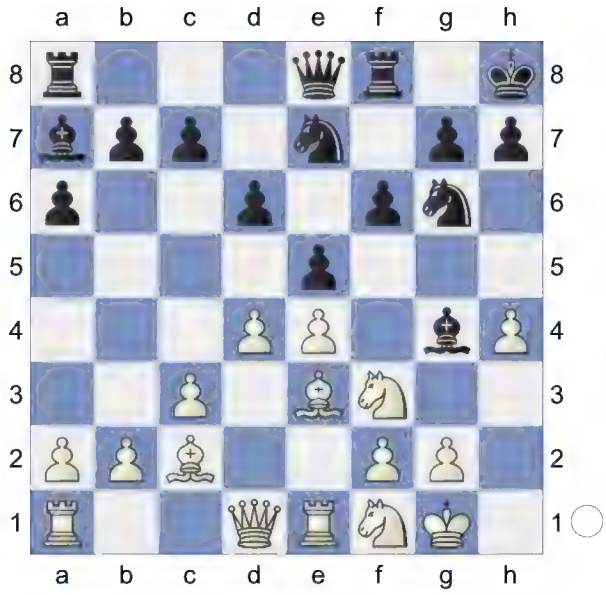
10.Re1 Kh8

(Diagram)

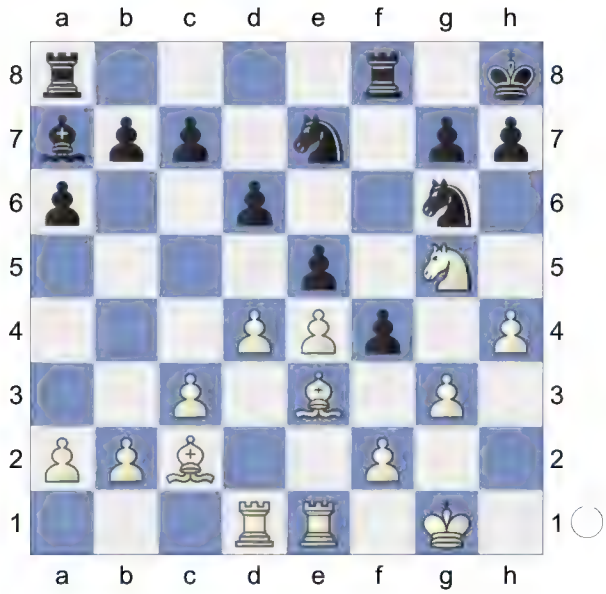


11.h3 d6 12.Nbd2 Bd7 13.Nf1 Nce7
[13...Qe8 14.Bc2 Nd8 15.Ng3 Ne6 16.a4 Nef4 17.a5 Qc8 18.Nf5 d5 19.dxe5 dxe4 20.Bxf4 Bxf5 21.exf6 exf3 22.fxg7+ Kxg7 23.Bg3 Bxc2 24.Qxc2 Qf5 25.Re4 fxg2 26.Rae1 Rf7 27.Qe2 Raf8 28.Kxg2 0-1 (32) Kozganbay,E (2260)-Mendez Machado,A (2165) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Early blitz 2025 (7)]
14.Bc2 Qe8N
[14...exd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.Ng3 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Bc6 19.Qb3 Bd5 20.Qc2 Qd7 21.Rac1 c6 22.Bxd5 Nxd5 23.Ne4 Rae8 24.Nc5 Qf7 25.Qf5 Ngf4 26.Ng5 Qg6 27.Qxg6 hxg6 28.Nf3 0-1 Karjakin,S (2747)-Grischuk,A (2745) Krasnogorsk Blitz 2023 (3)]
15.h4 Bg4 1.12/18
[15...Rd8± 0.47/18]

(Diagram)

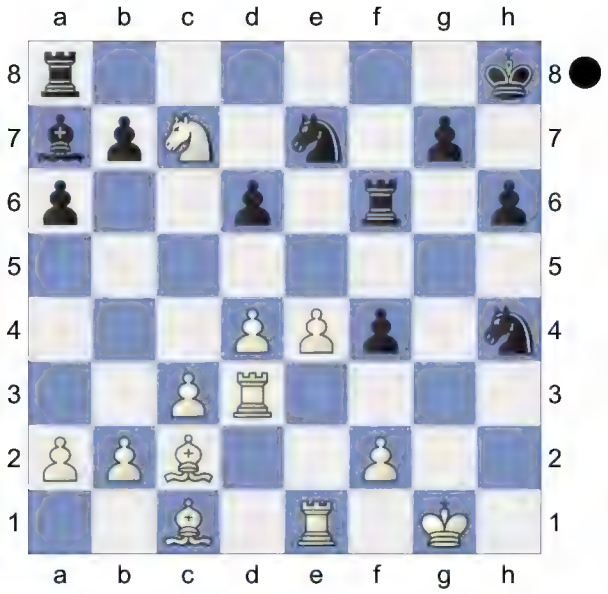


16.N1h2!± Qc8
[16...Bh5? 17.g4+-]
17.Nxg4 Qxg4 18.g3 f5 1.88/22
[18...Qh3± 1.15/18]
19.Ng5 1.11/17
[Better is 19.exf5!+- 1.88/22 Nxf5 20.Ng5 Qxd1 21.Raxd1]
19...Qxd1 20.Raxd1 f4

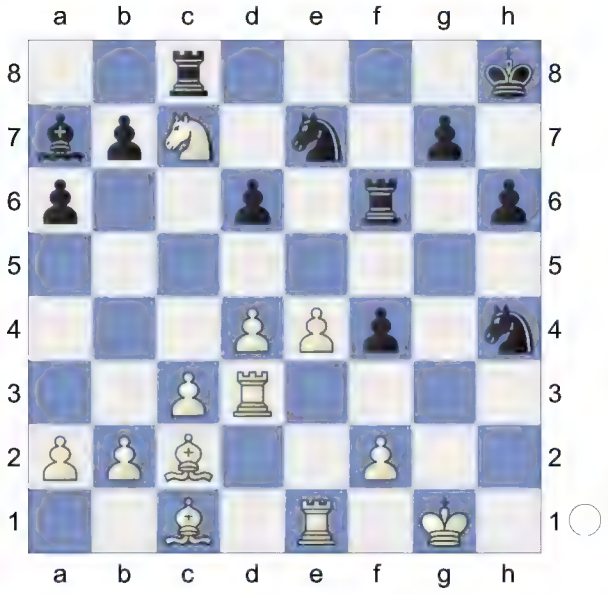


21.gxf4 exf4 22.Bc1 Nxh4 23.Rd3 0.66/21
[23.e5± 1.04/20 And now exd6 would win. h6 24.exd6]
23...h6 24.Ne6 Rf6 25.Nxc7 -0.76/19

[25.Nxf4± 0.88/22 keeps the pressure on. Raf8 26.e5 dxe5 *(26...Rxf4? perishes. 27.Bxf4 d5 28.Bg3±)* 27.dxe5 *(27.Rxe5 Nhg6±)* 27...Rxf4 28.Bxf4 Rxf4 29.Rd8+ Ng8 30.Re2]



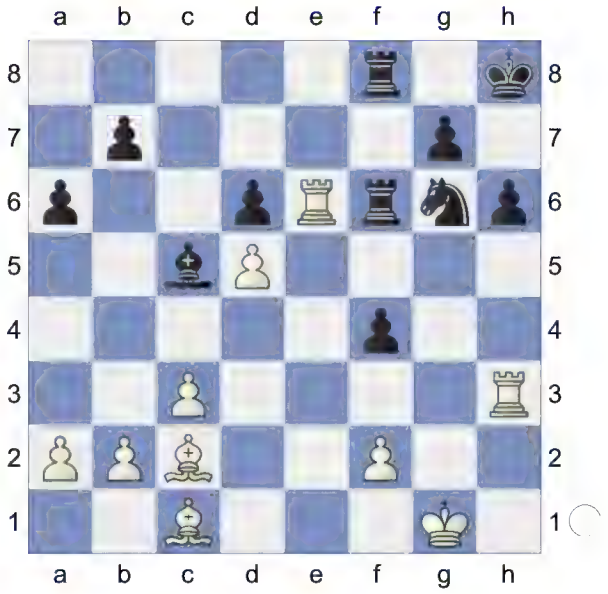
25...Rc8!∓



26.Nd5 Nxd5 27.exd5 Bxd4! Pin
28.Re7 -1.26/20
[28.Rh3!∓ -0.58/19 g5 29.Re7]

(Diagram)

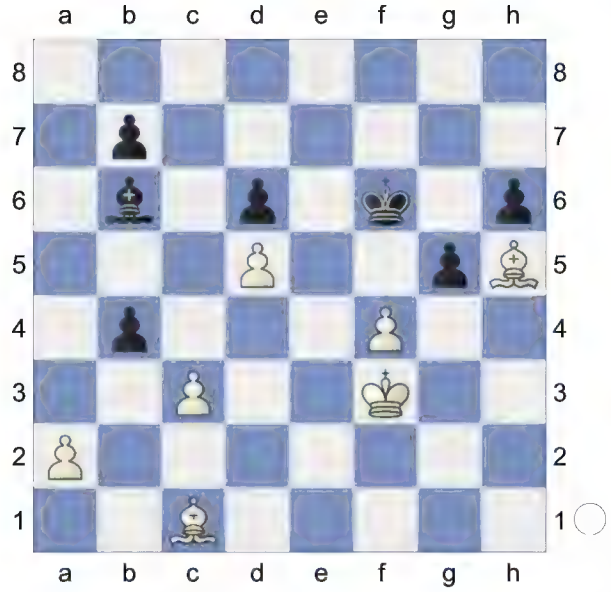
28...Bc5 0.13/21
[28...Rg6+!∓ -1.26/20 29.Kh1 *(29.Kf1 Bxf2 30.Rh3 Rg1+* Skewer *31.Kxf2 Rg2+ 32.Ke1 Rxc2∓)* 29...Bxf2 30.Bxf4 Rg1+ 31.Kh2 Rg2+ *(31...Ng6 32.Rf7∓)* 32.Kh1 Bc5]
29.Rh3 Ng6 0.54/22
[29...g5= 0.00/19]
30.Re6 Black is weak on the light squares This move loses the game for Black. **30...Rcf8?** 4.35/21



31.Bxg6+- f3 6.26/20

[⌓31...a5 4.42/18 32.Rh4 Kg8]
32.b4 Bb6 33.Rxf6 Rxf6 34.Be4 Rf7 35.Rxf3 Rxf3

36.Bxf3 g5 37.Kg2 Kg7 38.Bh5 Kf6 39.f4 a5 40.Kf3 axb4



41.cxb4 Bd4 42.a4 Bc3 43.b5 Ba5 44.Bb2+ Kf5 45.Bg4+ Kg6

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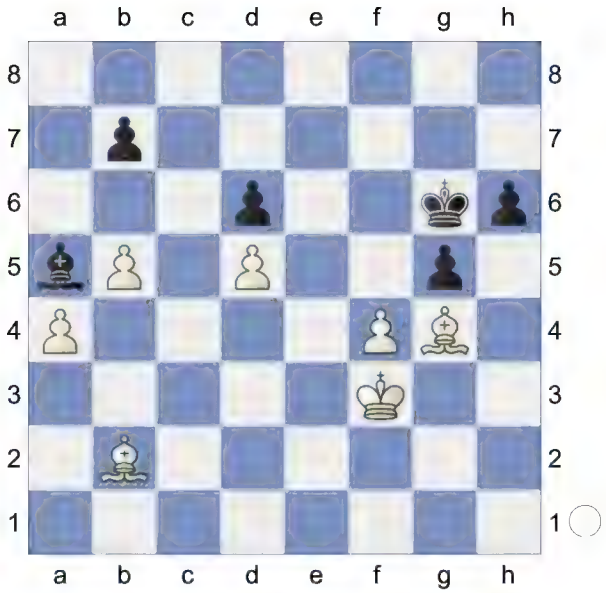
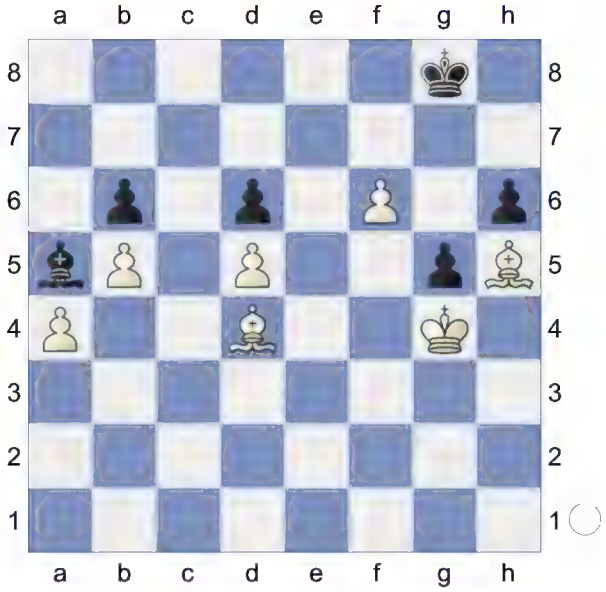
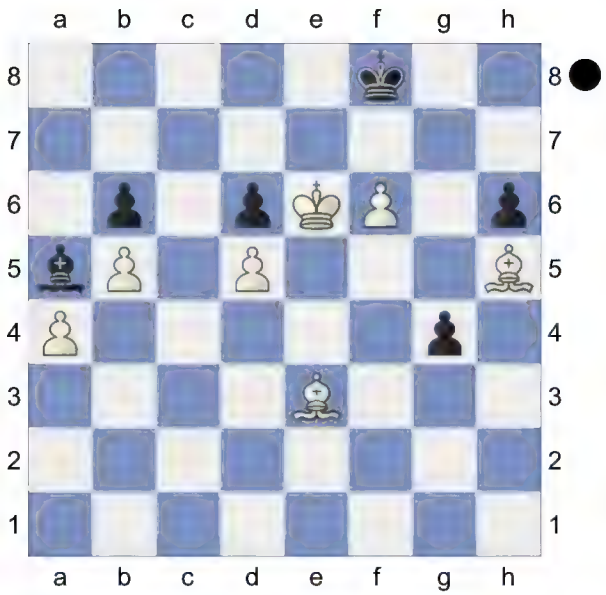


46.f5+ Kf7 47.Bh5+ Ke7 48.f6+ Kf8 49.Bd4 b6 50.Kg4 Kf5 would kill now. **50...Kg8**



51.Kf5 White mates. **51...Kf8 52.Ke6 g4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.59
53.Be3

(Diagram)



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64 **C70**
□ **Svidler,Peter** **2714**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2578**
Svidler vs. Challengers blitz (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

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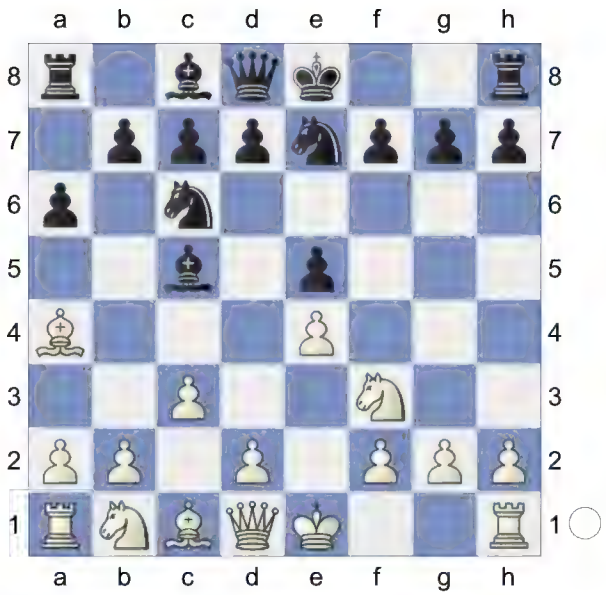
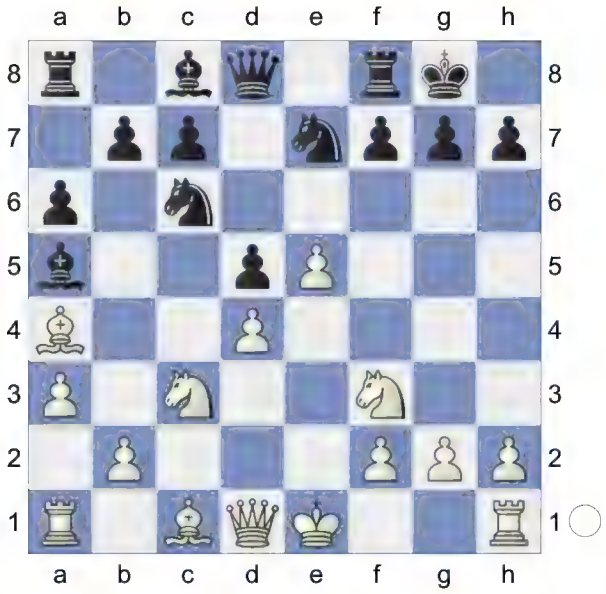


6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 White is slightly better. **8...d5 9.e5 0-0N**
[9...Bg4 10.a3 *(10.Be3 f6 11.exf6 gxf6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.a3 Ba5 15.b4 Bb6 16.Ne5 Bxd1 17.Nxd7 Bxa4 18.Nxb6 cxb6 19.Nxa4 b5 20.Nc3 Kf7 21.Kd2 Rad8 22.Kd3 Nf5 23.Ra1 Nd6 24.Rhb1 Rhe8* 0-1 (42) Vasilkov,N (2234)-Zdorov,E (2211) Moscow Ivi GP op 2025 (10)) 10...Ba5 11.Be3 f6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 0-0 14.exf6 Rxf6

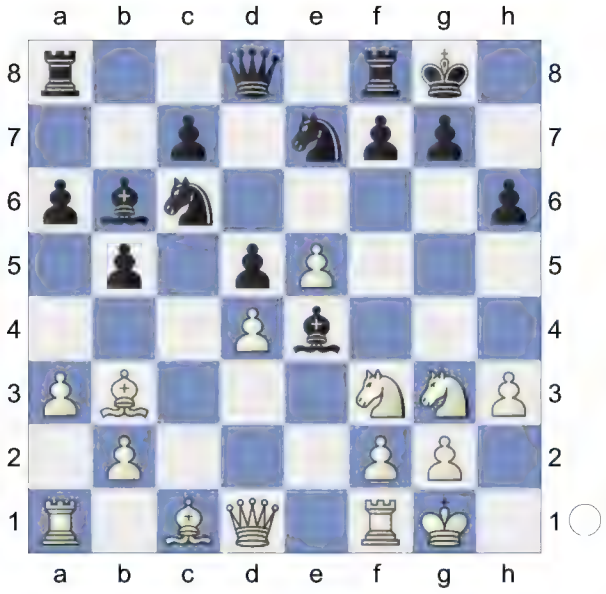
A) 15.Qg4 Rg6 16.Qh5 Qe8 17.b4 *(17.g4 Bxc3+ 18.bxc3 Rf6 19.Qxe8+ Rxe8* 7) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 un c3 und 6.d4 â-7 | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9. e5 | 10 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*)* 17...b5 18.Bd1 Bb6 19.Nxd5 Bxd4 20.Nxc7 Qd8 21.Bxd4 Nxd4 22.Nxa8 Nd5 23.Kf1 Rg5 24.Qh4 Ne3+ 25.fxe3 Rf5+ 26.Qf2 Rxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Qh4+ 28.g3 Qf6+ 29.Kg2 Nf5 (30) 7) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-7 | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.e5 | 10 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch;

B) 15.Qe2 Nf5 Schnellstarter Kapi Kapitel-QS | 7 | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9. e5 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]

10.a3 Ba5



11.h3 Prevents Bg4 **11...Bf5 12.0-0 b5 13.Bb3! h6 14.Ne2 Bb6 15.Ng3 Be4**



And now ...Bxf3 would win. **16.Be3!**

[16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.d5 Na5∓]

16...Qd7 17.Nh4 Bh7 18.Rc1 Na5 1.16/19

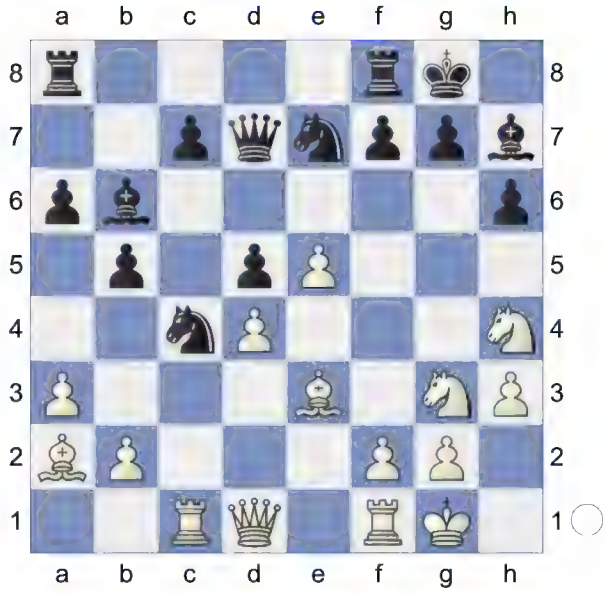
[18...f6 0.77/20]

19.Ba2 0.37/18

[19.Nh5± 1.16/19 Nxb3 20.Qxb3]

19...Nc4 0.75/19

[19...f6± 0.37/18 feels stronger.]



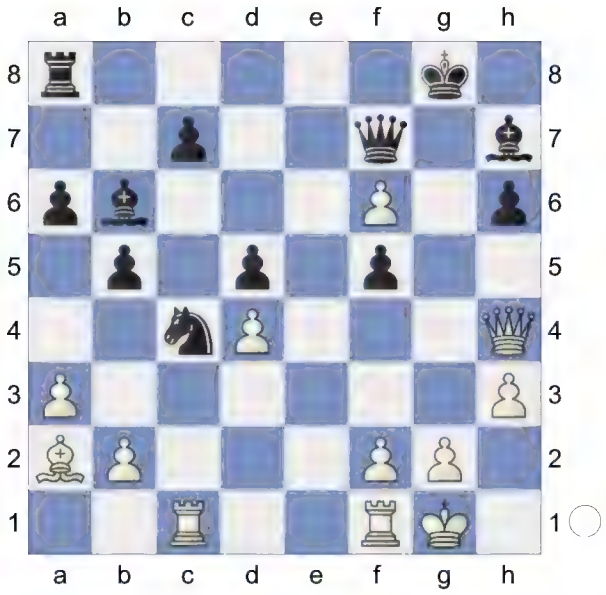
20.Bxh6 0.18/18 **gxh6=**

21.Nh5 f5 22.Nf6+ Rxf6! 23.exf6 Ng6 24.Qh5 Dancing on a razor blade.

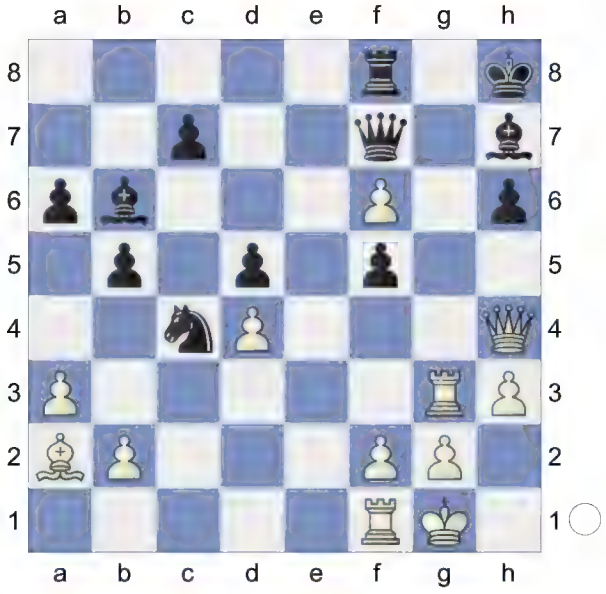
24...Nxh4 25.Qxh4 Qf7? 3.72/21

[Black should try 25...Rf8!± 0.44/17]

(Diagram)

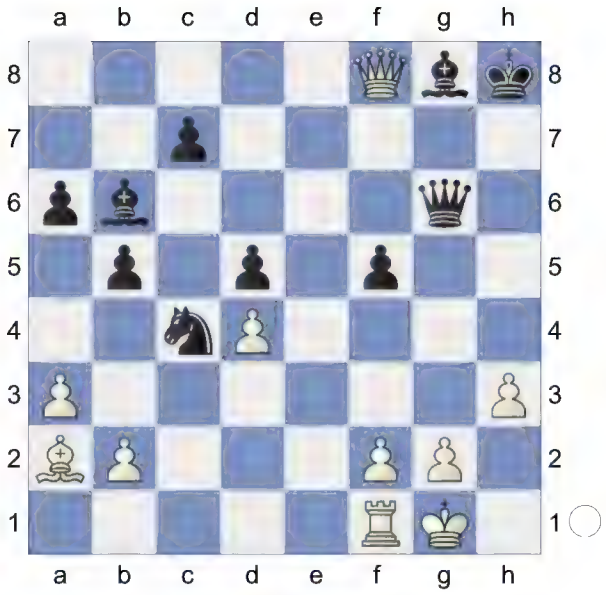


26.Rc3
[26.Qxh6 Qg6 27.Qh4 Rf8∓]
26...Rf8 27.Rg3+ Kh8



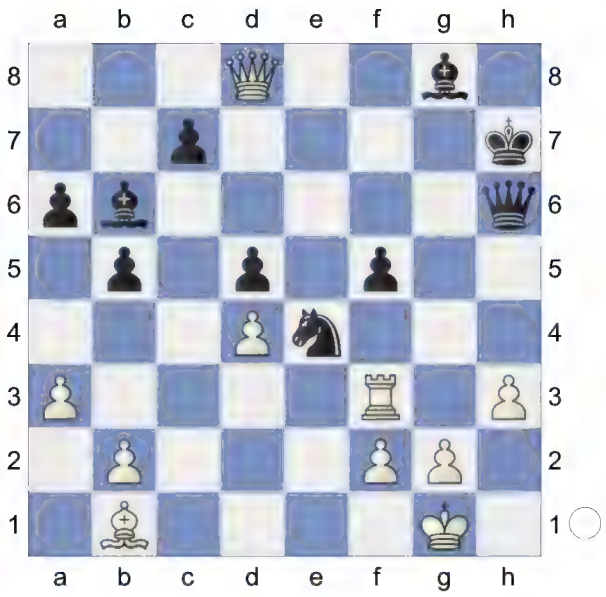
28.Qxh6 -1.21/19
[28.Bxc4!+- 2.59/24 Qxf6 *(28...bxc4? 29.Re1+-)* 29.Qxf6+ Rxf6 30.Re1 *(30.Bxd5 Bxd4 31.Re1 Bg6+-)*]
28...Qxf6∓ 29.Rg6 Deflection **29...Qxg6 30.Qxf8+ Bg8**

(Diagram)

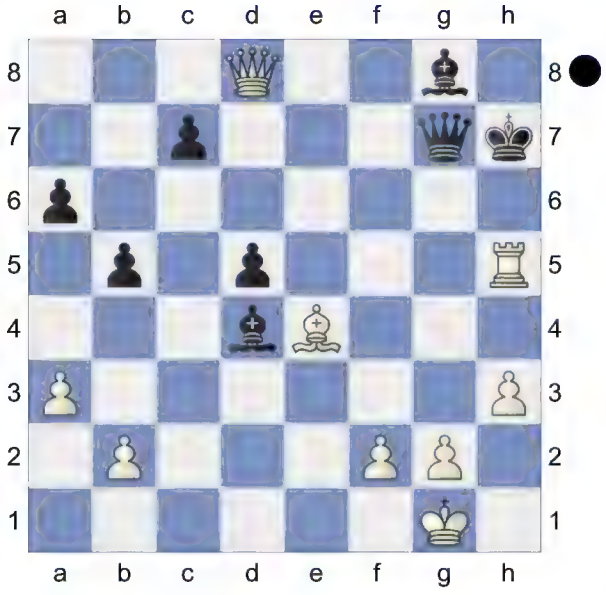


31.Rd1 Nd6? 1.18/20
[31...Nxb2∓ -0.39/19 stays ahead. 32.Rd2 Nc4]
32.Bb1? -0.97/21 White is more active.
[32.Bxd5± 1.18/20 Black must now prevent Rd3. Kh7 33.Qe7+ Kh8 34.Qh4+ Kg7 35.Bxg8 Kxg8 36.Rd3]
32...Qg7 33.Qd8 Kh7 0.10/17
[33...Qh6∓ -1.03/18]
34.Rd3!= Ne4 Prevents Rg3. **35.Rf3 Qh6?** 4.62/20
[35...Qxd4 36.Rxf5 a5 37.Qh4+ Kg7 38.Bxe4 dxe4 39.Qg5+ *(39.Rxb5 Bf7±)* 39...Kh7 40.Rf6+- *(40.Rxb5? too greedy. Qxf2+ 41.Kh2 Qg1+ 42.Kg3 Bf2+ 43.Kf4 Be3+* Skewer *44.Kxe4 Bxg5-+)*]
[35...Qf6!= 0.27/17 36.Qxf6 Nxf6]

(Diagram)



36.Rxf5+- Bxd4 37.Bxe4 Intending Rg5+ and mate. Pin **37...Qg7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.60
38.Rh5#



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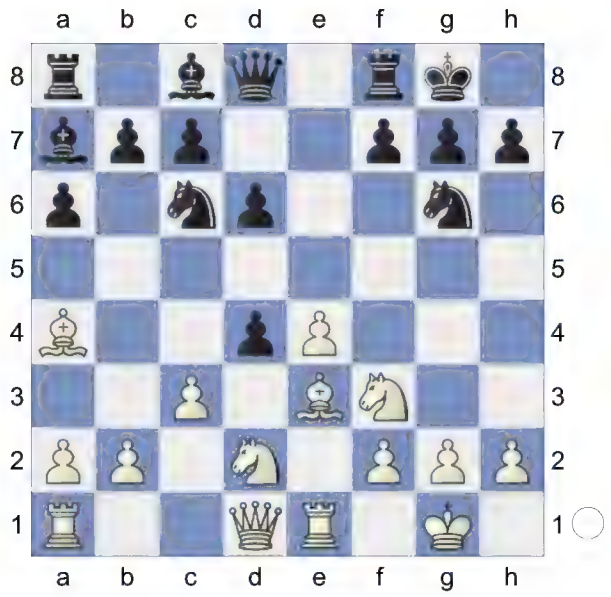
65 **C64**
□ **Kola,Elvis** **1940**
■ **Ragger,Markus** **2577**
EU-ch Blitz Skopje (1) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7

6.c3 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Be3 0-0 White is slightly better. **9.Re1 d6 10.Nbd2 exd4!?** Exploring less charted t e r r i t o r y .Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[10...Kh8 11.h3 exd4 12.cxd4 Nce7 13.d5 f5 14.Rc1 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 c6 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Bxc6 Nxc6 18.Rxc6 Bb7 19.Rcc3 Nf4 20.Nd4 fxe4 21.Nxe4 Nd5 22.Ne6 Nxc3 23.Nxc3 Qf6 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Qe2 1-0 (28) Uskov,A (2440)-Karacsonyi,G (2384) Budapest SixDays 01 GM-A 2025 (9)]

(Diagram)



11.Nxd4N

[11.cxd4 Nce7 *(11...f5 12.Bg5 Nce7 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Qe2 Rf6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Nh4 Nxh4 17.Qxe7 Bxd4 18.Qe2 Bxb2 19.Qc4+ d5 20.Qxh4 Bxa1 21.Rxa1 b5 22.Bb3 c5 23.Nf3 c4 24.Nd4 Bg6 25.Bc2 Qe7 26.Qg4* 1-0 (38) Aquino,J (2316)-Ilamparthi,A (2458) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (5)*)* 12.Bb3 c6 13.h3 d5 14.e5 -0.34/19 *(14.Qe2=* 0.21/18 *)* 14...Nf5∓ 15.Nf1 f6 16.exf6 Nxe3 -0.20/20 *(16...Qxf6∓* -0.82/20 *17.Bc2 Bd7)* 17.Rxe3 Qxf6 ½-½ (38) Steinberg,N (2553)-Le,T (2567) Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Mar Early blitz 2024 (4)]

11...Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.cxd4 b5 14.Bb3 c5 15.Bd5 Ra7

(Diagram)

16.dxc5 dxc5 17.Rc1 Ne5

18.Nb3 -0.59/19

[18.Rxc5 Nd3 19.Rxc8 Qxc8∓]

[18.Nf1= -0.14/20 was preferable.]

18...c4∓ 19.Nd4 -1.78/20

[19.Qd4∓ -0.59/18 Qe7 20.Na5]

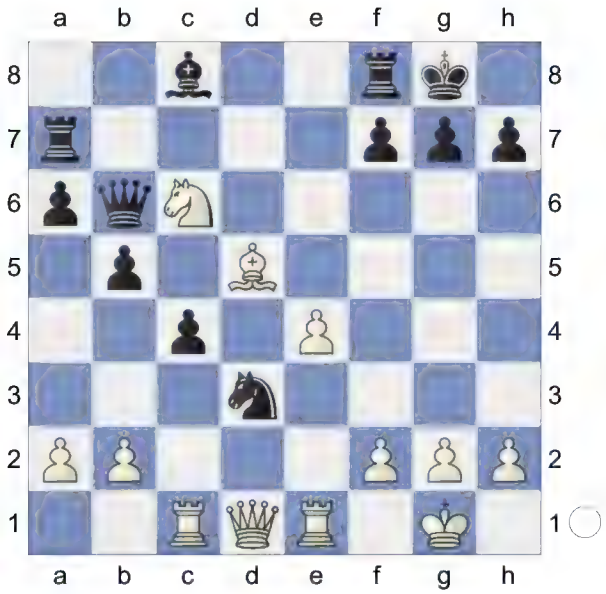
19...Nd3 -1.38/17

[19...Bb7-+ -1.78/20 aiming for ...Nd3. 20.Re3 Nd3 *(20...Bxd5 21.exd5 Qxd5 22.Rxe5∓)* 21.Rxd3 cxd3]

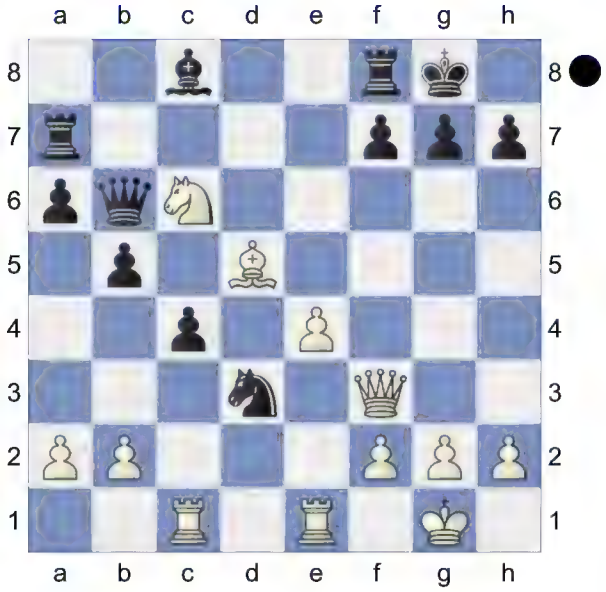
20.Nc6∓ Qb6 -0.96/18

[Better is 20...Qf6 -1.44/24 21.Nxa7 Qxf2+ 22.Kh1 Bg4 *(22...Qxa7*

23.Rf1∓; 22...Nxe1 23.Qxe1 Qxa7 24.b3∓)]



White does not recover from this. **21.Qf3** -3.37/19



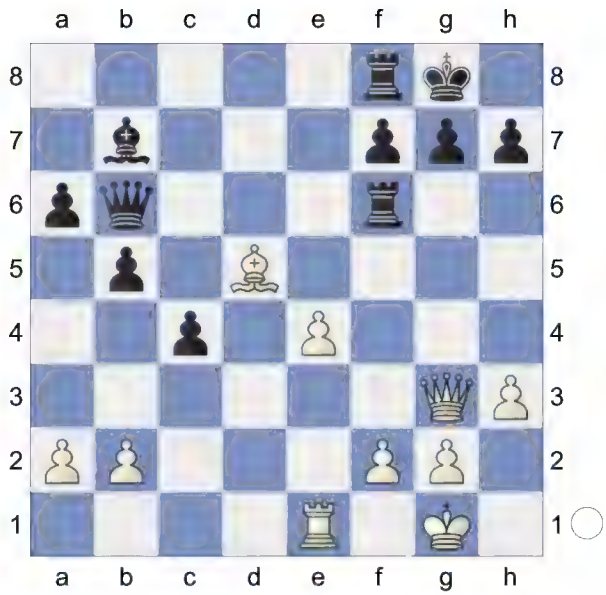
Rc7-+

[Don't do 21...Nxe1 22.Rxe1 Rc7 23.e5-+]

22.Rcd1 Nxe1 23.Rxe1 Rxc6

Black is clearly winning. **24.h3 Rf6 25.Qg3 Bb7**

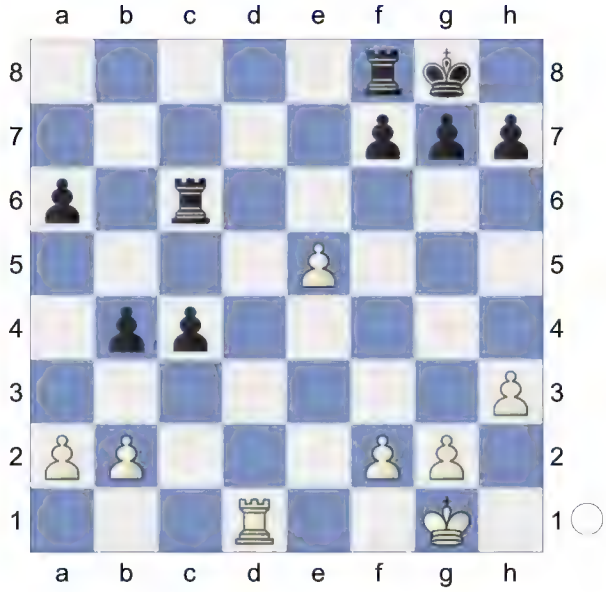
(Diagram)



26.e5 Rg6 27.Qf3 Bxd5 28.Qxd5 Qc6 29.Qxc6 Rxc6 30.Rd1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.10 (very precise)

30...b4



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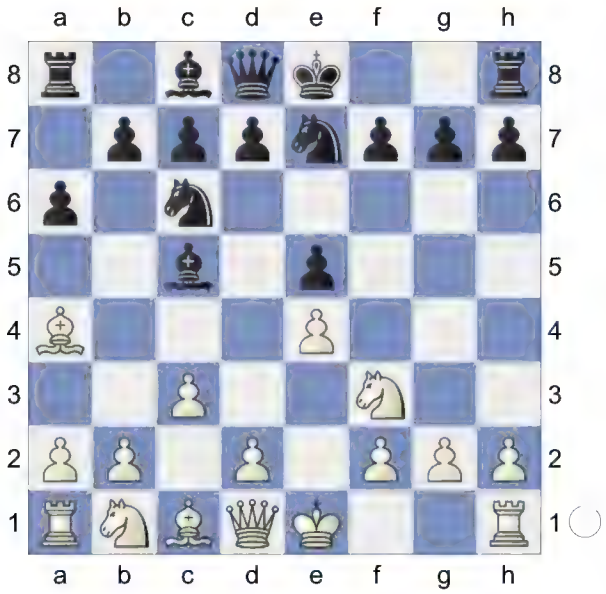
66 **C70**
□ **Svane,Frederik** **2618**
■ **Ghosh,D** **2577**
Julius Baer Play-In 2023 rapid (9.40)
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

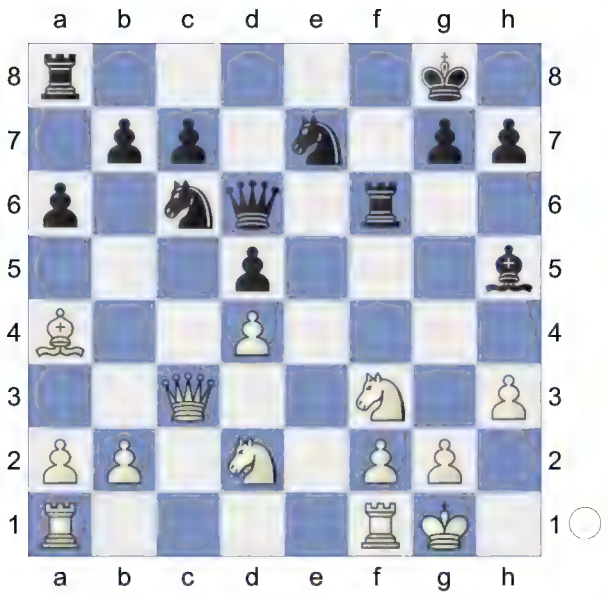
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7



6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d5 10.e5 0-0**

(Diagram)

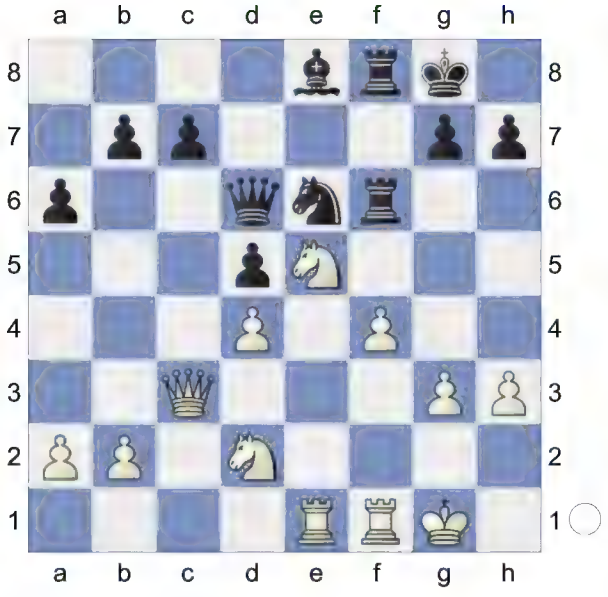
11.0-0 Bg4
[11...Bf5 12.Re1 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Bxc6 Nxc6 15.Qb3 b6 16.Qc3 Qd7 17.Rac1 Raf8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 c6 20.Rce1 Bg6 21.f3 Re8 22.Qb4 Qd8 23.Nf1 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Bf7 25.Qe1 Kf8 26.Ne3 1-0 (40) Caruana,F (2804)-Batsuren,D (2515) American Cup Blitz 2024 (1.1)]
12.h3 Bh5 13.Qc1N
[13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rac1 Nd8 16.Rfe1 *(16.Qe3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Ne6 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.f4 Rf7 21.Rf3 Raf8 22.Rcf1 Qa4 23.a3 Qb5 24.b3 b6 25.Rc1 a5 26.Kh2 Qd7 27.a4 Kh8 28.Rc2 Kg8 29.Qc1 Qe7 30.Rc6 Kh8* 1-0 (71) Caruana,F (2766)-Yu Yangyi (2729) Airthings Masters Div 2 W rapid 2023 (5.1)*)* 16...Ne6 17.Qe3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 h6 19.Nh4 b6 20.Nf5 Kh7 21.Qd3 Kh8 22.Qd2 Kh7 23.Rc3 a5 24.Rg3 Rg8 25.Rc1 Rac8 26.Rcc3 g5 27.Ne3 h5 1-0 (31) Caruana,F (2792)-Halkias,S (2527) World Rapid 2021 (4.14)]
13...f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Qc3 Qd6
(Diagram)



16.Rae1 Raf8 17.Bxc6 Nxc6 18.Ne5 Nd8 19.g3 Be8 0.66/20

[19...b6= 0.21/19 is more appropriate.]

20.f4± Ne6



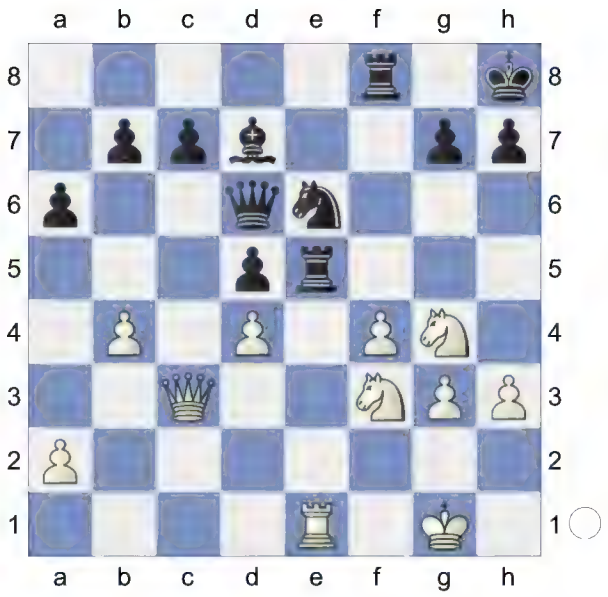
21.b4 Kh8 1.03/21

[21...b6± 0.61/18]

22.Ng4± Excellent horsemanship.

22...R6f7 23.Re5 Bd7 24.Nf3 Rf5 25.Rfe1 Rxe5

(Diagram)



26.Rxe5 0.64/17

[26.Ngxe5± 1.04/19 Nd8 27.Kh2]

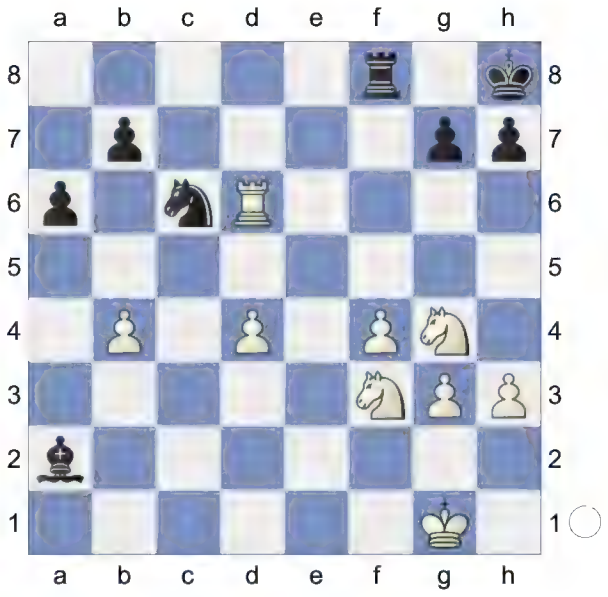
26...Nd8± 27.Qc5 Nc6 1.34/25

[27...b6± 0.51/20 28.Qxd6 *(28.Qxd5? Qxd5 29.Rxd5 Bc6-+* Skewer *)* 28...cxd6]

28.Qxd6 0.66/21

[28.Rxd5± 1.34/25 Qxc5 29.Rxc5 *(29.bxc5 Be6=)*]

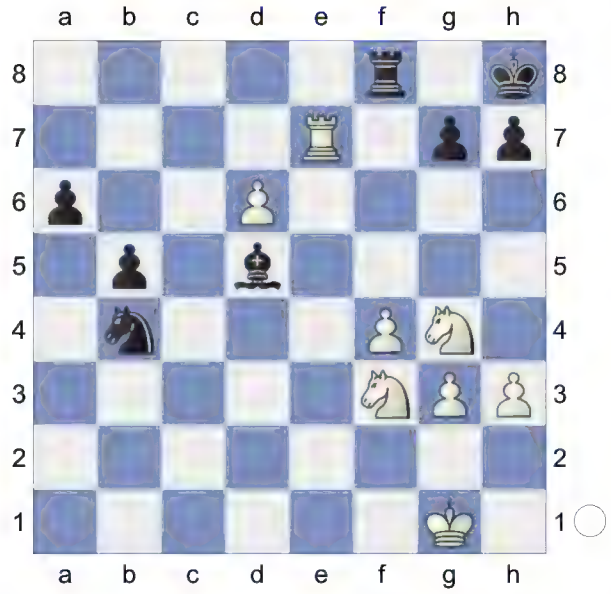
28...cxd6 29.Rxd5 Be6 30.Rxd6 Bxa2



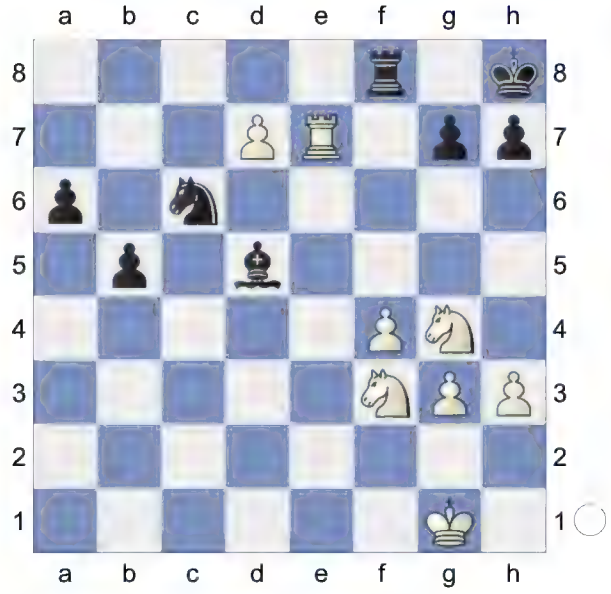
31.Rd7 b5 1.87/20

[Black should play 31...Nxb4± 0.56/20 32.Rxb7 Nd5]

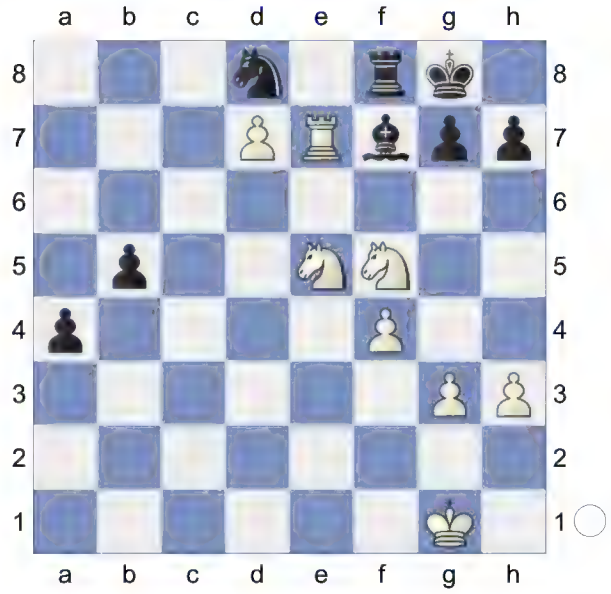
32.d5!+- Nxb4 33.d6 Be6? 3.26/21
[33...Nc6 1.69/18]
34.Re7 Bd5 5.31/21
[34...Bxg4 2.04/19 35.hxg4 Nc6]



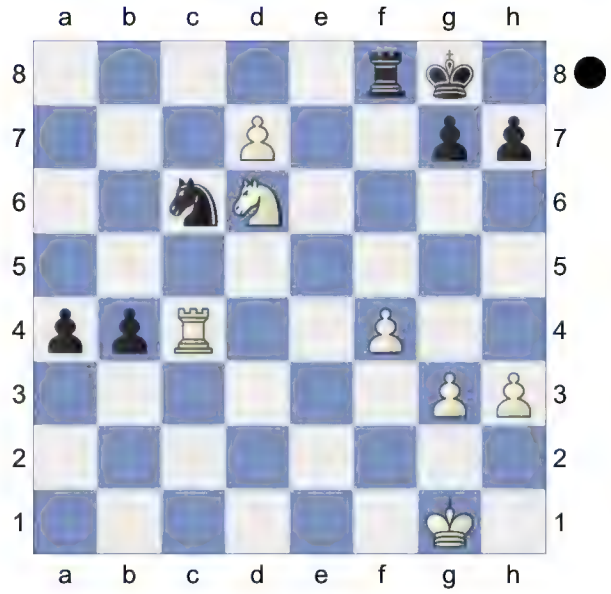
35.d7! Re8 is the strong threat. **35...Nc6**
[35...Bc6 36.Nd4]



36.Re8 Kg8 37.Nfe5 1.09/20
[37.Ng5+- 6.93/21 is more deadly. Nd8 38.Ne5 *(38.Nxh7 Kxh7 39.Rxf8 Nc6+-)*]
37...Nd8± 38.Ne3 Bf7 39.Re7 0.90/19
White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[White should play 39.Nxf7 1.28/22 Kxf7 40.Nf5]
39...a5 40.Nf5 0.00/25
[40.Kf2!± 1.20/21]
40...a4



41.Nxf7 Remove Defender **41...Rxf7=** Endgame KRN-KRN **42.Re8+ Rf8 43.Nd6 b4 44.Re4 Nc6** Strongly threatening ...a3. **45.Rc4**



b3!

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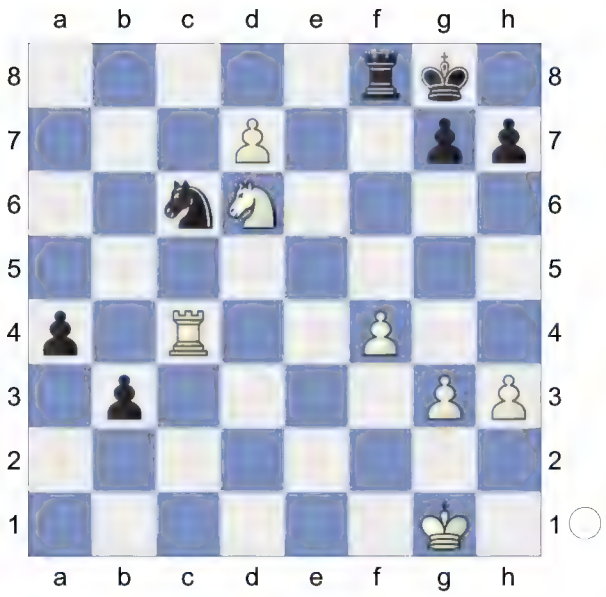
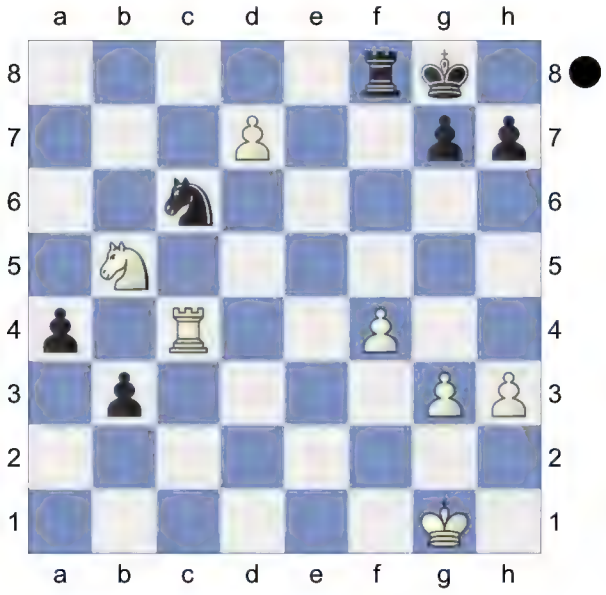


46.Nb5!



Na7 4.00/24

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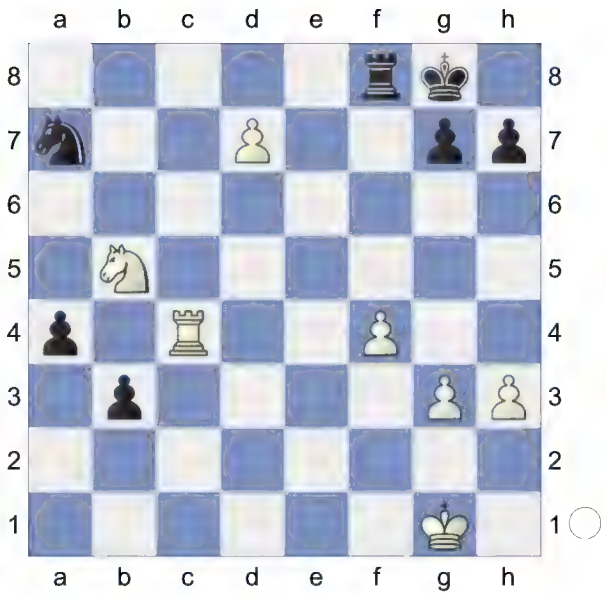


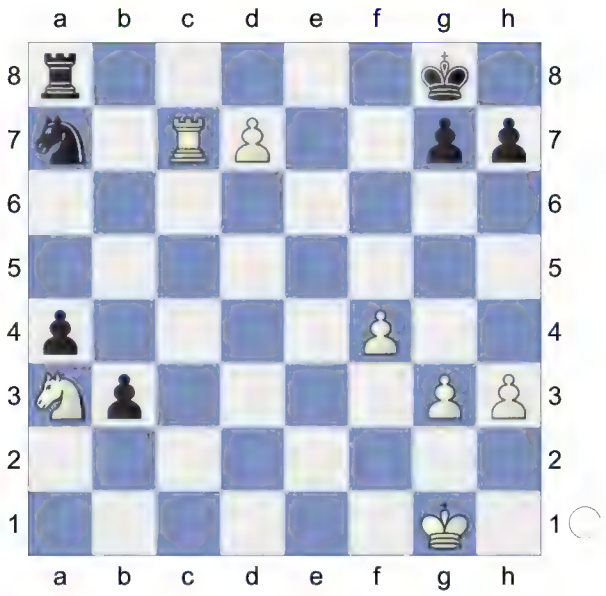
47.Na3? 0.01/20

[47.Nxa7? loses. b2 48.Rb4 *(48.Rxa4 b1Q+ 49.Kh2 Qc2+ 50.Kh1 Qxa4 51.h4 Qxa7 52.Kg2 Qxd7 53.h5 Qg4 54.Kf2 Re8 55.h6 Re2+* Deflection *56.Kg1 Qxg3+ 57.Kh1 Qh2#)* 48...a3-+]

[47.Rc7!+- 4.00/24]

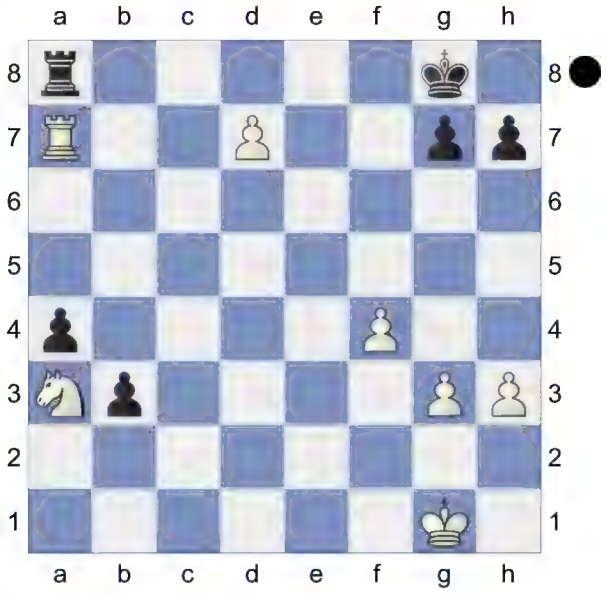
47...Rd8 48.Rc7 Ra8 4.83/21

[48...Nc6!= 0.03/22 and Black stays safe.]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/

Black=0.62
49.Rxa7!



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67 **C70**
□ **Sethuraman,Sandeep** **2613**
■ **Kadric,D** **2572**
8th Sunway Sitges 2021 (5.1) 17.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
This was the final round of the event. I was really motivated to finish the event on a high note. My opponent was having a good tournament so far. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**

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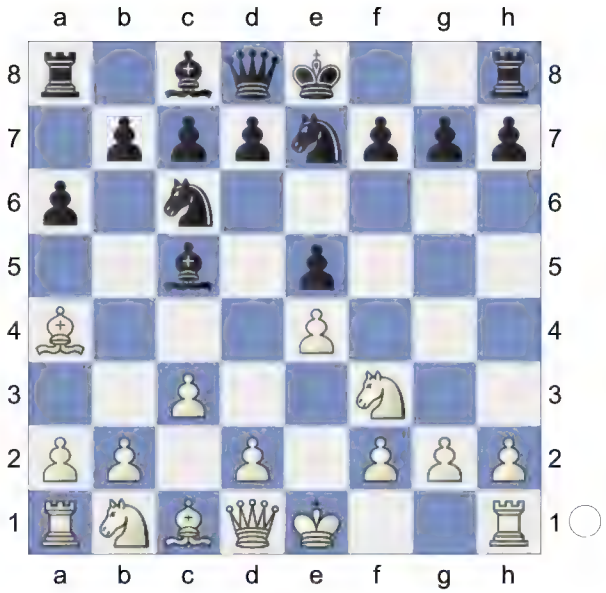

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5**
[10...Qxd5 11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Kf1 *(12.Ne5 0-0 13.0-0-0 Nb4 14.Bb3 Nbd5 15.Rhe1 Qd6 16.Ne4 Qd8 17.h4 a5 18.h5 a4 19.Bc2 f6 20.Nf3 a3 21.b3 b6 22.Nc3 Ba6 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Nh4 Qd7 25.Nf5 Qc6 26.Re3 Rfe8* 0-1 (33) Orozbaev,E (2419)-Abdsattar,A (2114) Pavlodar Nikitin Memorial 2025 (3)*)* 12...Qc4+ 13.Kg1 Be6 14.Ne5 Qb4 15.a3 Qb6 16.Bxc6+ Nxc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h4 0-0-0 19.h5 Bd5 20.f3 Qf6 21.Qf2 Bb3 22.Rh4 Rhe8 23.Rg4 Qh6 24.Re1 f5 25.Rh4 1-0 (52) Praggnanandhaa,R (2612)-Esipenko,A (2714) Tata Steel-A 84th 2022 (13)]

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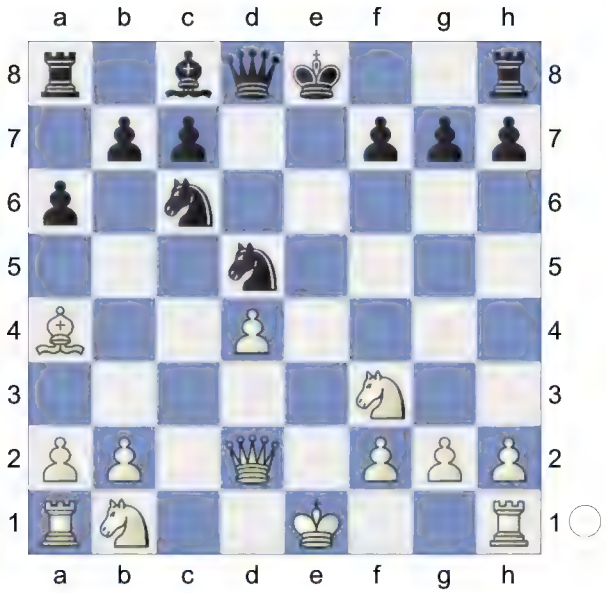

11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rc1N
[13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Be6 15.Ne5 Bd5 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qxc6 Qxd4 18.b3 a5 19.Rac1 a4 20.Rc4 Qb6 21.Qxb6 cxb6 22.bxa4 Rfd8 23.g3 Rd2 24.Rb1 Rxa2 25.Rxb6 g6 26.Rbb4 h5 27.h4 Kg7 ½-½ (45) Pedersen,P (2620)-Sikorova,J (2578) Alekhine exhibition 1926 (10) 28.Kg2 Ra7 29.Rf4 Ra3 30.Rbc4 Ra2 31.Kf3 Ra3+ 32.Ke2 Rb7 33.Rb4 Rc7 34.Kd2 Ra1 35.Rbc4 Rb7 36.Kc3 Ra7 37.Kb2 Re1 38.Rc5 Re2+ 39.Kb3 Re1 40.Rc2 Rb7+ 41.Ka2 Ra7 42.Rb2 Rd1 ½-½ (45) Nihal,S (2620)-Gukesh,D (2578) Baer Polgar Challenge rapid 2021 (10)]
[13.Ne5 Be6 14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.Nxc6 Ne4 16.Qf4 Qd6 17.Qxe4 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 9. Ruy Lopez Delayed Classica-Delayed Classical Bxd2]
13...Re8 14.Na3 0.03/20
[14.Nc3± 0.42/22 is more appropriate.]
14...Re6 0.46/23
[14...Qf6= 0.03/20]
15.Nc4 Rb8
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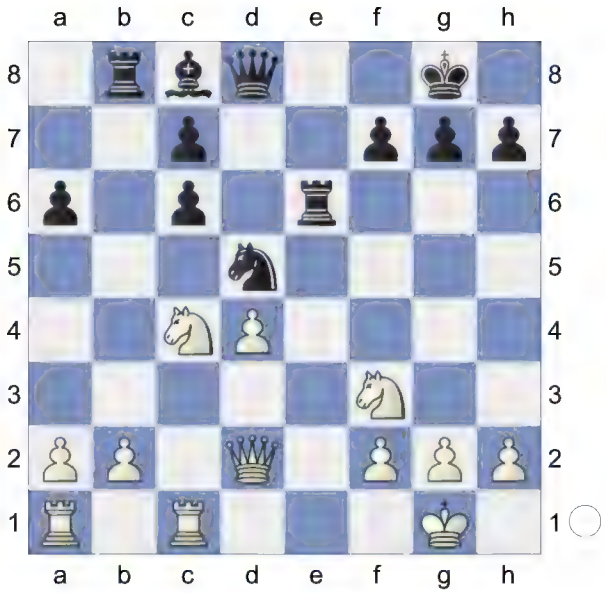


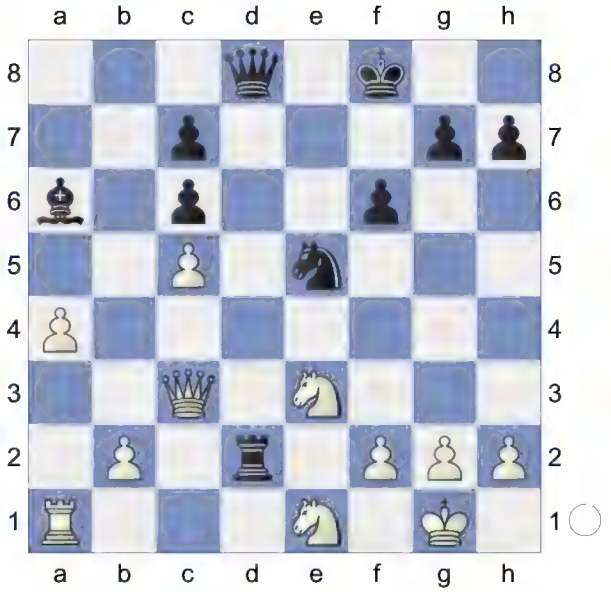
16.Nce5 Excellent horsemanship.
16...Ne7 17.Rc5 0.31/20 White is more active.
[⌓17.b3 0.67/21]
17...f6± 18.Nc4 Rb5 19.Ne3
[19.Rd1 simplifies Rxc5 20.dxc5 Qxd2 21.Nfxd2 Nf5 22.Nb1]
19...Rd6 0.50/21
[19...Rxc5= -0.03/20 20.dxc5 Qxd2 21.Nxd2 Ng6]
20.Qc2 Be6

21.a3 Bb3 22.Qe2 Rxc5 0.82/21
[22...Bf7± 0.34/21]

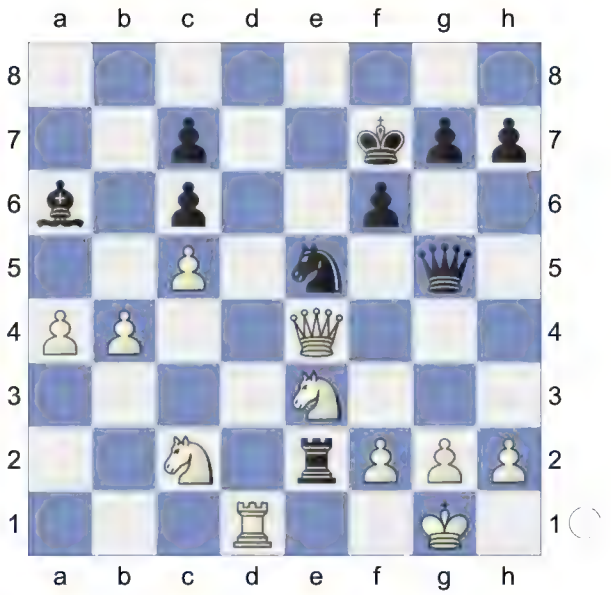
23.dxc5± Rd3 24.a4 Ng6 1.28/21
[24...Bf7 0.84/23]

25.Ne1! Rd2 1.02/22
[Black should try 25...Nf4 1.48/21 26.Qf3 Rd4]

26.Qxa6 Qb7 is the strong threat.
A mistake that costs the game.
26...Ne5? 2.80/22
[26...Rxb2± 1.02/19 27.Nf3 *(27.Qxc6 Qd2±)* 27...Bd5]
27.Qb7+- Be6 28.Qb4 Bc8 29.Qb3+ Kf8 30.Qc3 Ba6



31.b4 Re2 2.70/22
[⌓31...Qd4 1.84/19 32.Qxd4 Rxd4]
32.Rd1 Qe8 33.N1c2 Qh5 34.Qd4 Prevents Qh4. **34...Qg5?** 4.68/22
[34...Kf7 2.40/18 35.b5 Deflection cxb5 36.Qd5+ *(36.Nb4 Bb7±)* 36...Kg6]
35.Qe4 2.73/21 **Kf7** 4.24/21
[35...Qg6 2.73/21 was called for. 36.Qxg6 *(36.Rd8+ Kf7±)* 36...hxg6]



36.b5

[36.Qxh7 Qg6 37.Qxg6+ Kxg6+-]
[36.Nd4 Bd3 37.h4 *(37.Rxd3? Re1+ 38.Nf1 Rxe4-+)* 37...Qh5± *(37...Qh6? 38.Rxd3 Re1+ 39.Kh2+-)*]

36...cxb5 37.Nd4

[Weaker is 37.Qxh7 Qg6 *(37...b4±)* 38.Qxg6+ Kxg6±]
[37.Nb4 Bc8+- 38.axb5 *(38.Qxh7 Rxe3 39.fxe3 Bf5∓)* 38...Bg4+-]
[37.f4]

37...bxa4? 5.50/21

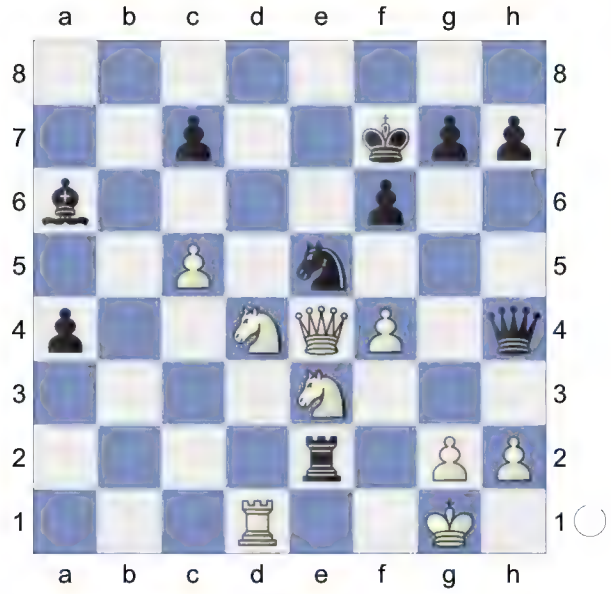
[37...Rxe3 3.07/19 38.Qxe3 *(38.fxe3 bxa4 39.Ra1 Bd3+-)* 38...Qxe3 39.fxe3 bxa4]

38.Qd5+ White is clearly winning.

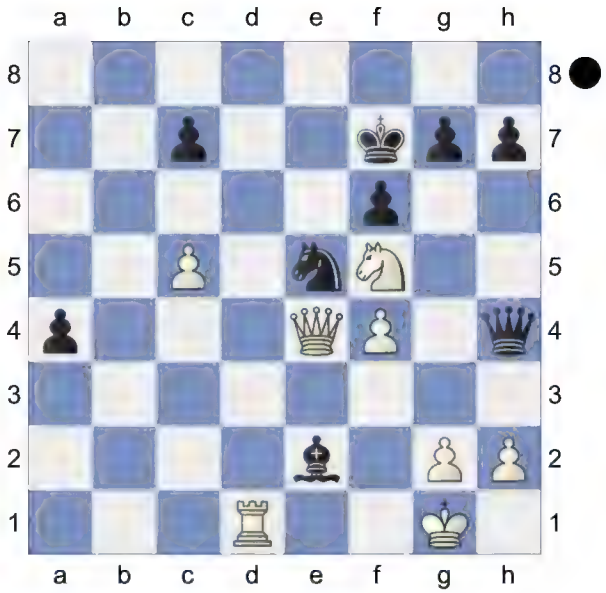
38...Kg6 39.Qe4+ Kf7 40.f4

[Inferior is 40.Qxh7 Rxe3 41.fxe3 Qxe3+ 42.Kh1 Nd3 43.Qh5+
A) 43...Kg8 44.Qd5+ Kh8 45.Qh5+ *(45.Qa8+? Kh7-+)* 45...Kg8 46.Qd5+ Kh8 47.Qh5+ Kg8=;
B) 43...g6 44.Qh7+ Kf8 45.Qh8+ Kf7 46.Qh7+ Kf8 47.Qh8+ Kf7 48.Qh7+=]

40...Qh4

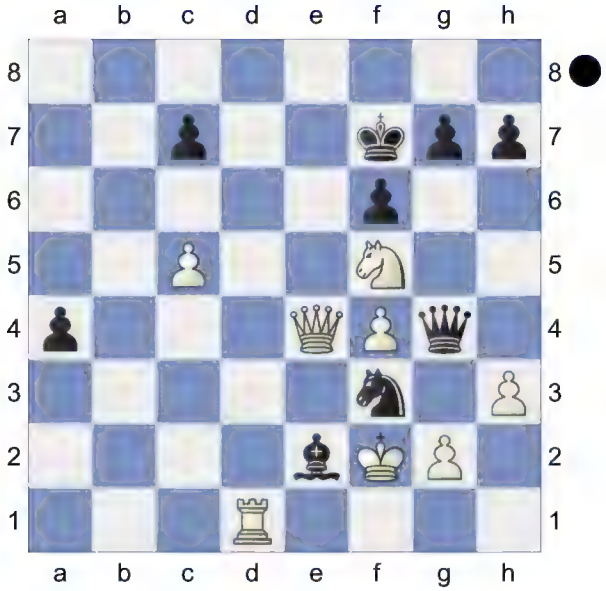


41.Nxe2 Bxe2 42.Nf5



White wants to mate with Rd7+.
Discovered Attack **42...Qg4 43.h3 Nf3+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.58

44.Kf2



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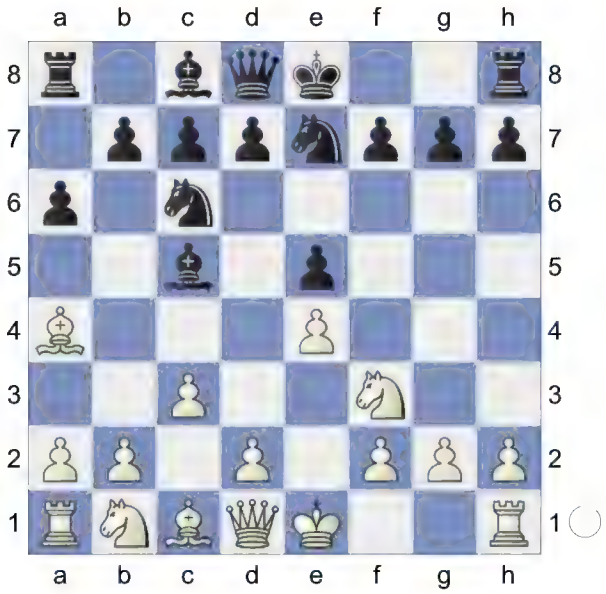
68 **C70**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
■ **Le Tuan,Minh** **2568**
chess.com SpeedChess 2024 (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7



6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Re1 Kh8

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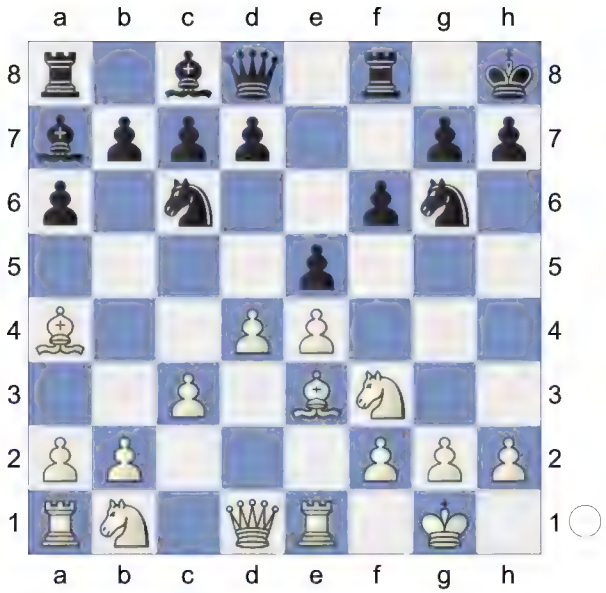

11.h3 d6 12.Nbd2 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 0.07/22

[Better is 14.cxd4± 0.48/23 f5 15.Nf3]

14...Bxd4=

[14...c5!? 15.Be3□ f5 16.exf5 Bxf5=]

[14...f5 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.Nf3 fxe4 17.Rxe4 Bf5 18.Re3 b5 19.Bb3 c5 20.a4 c4 21.Qd4 Raf7 22.Bd1 d5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ne5 Nxe5 25.Rxe5 Be4 26.f3 Rf4 27.fxe4 Rf1+ 28.Kh2 Qb8 29.Qxd5 ½-½ (60) Adams,M (2737)-Polgar,J (2732) Sofia MTel Masters 1st 2005 (1)]

15.cxd4 f5

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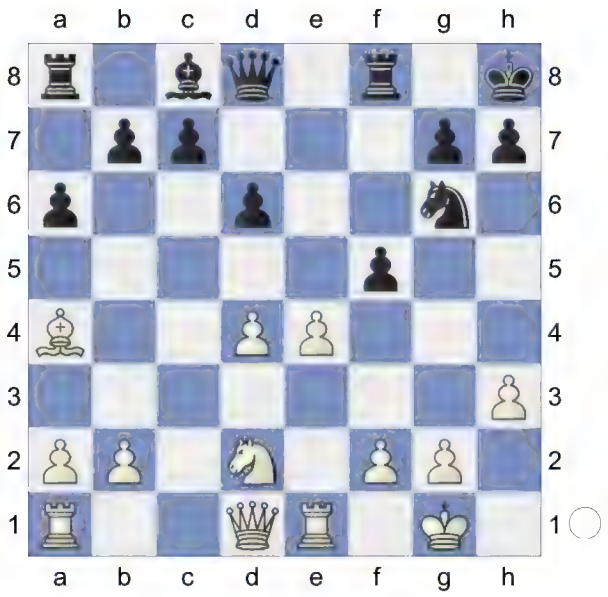
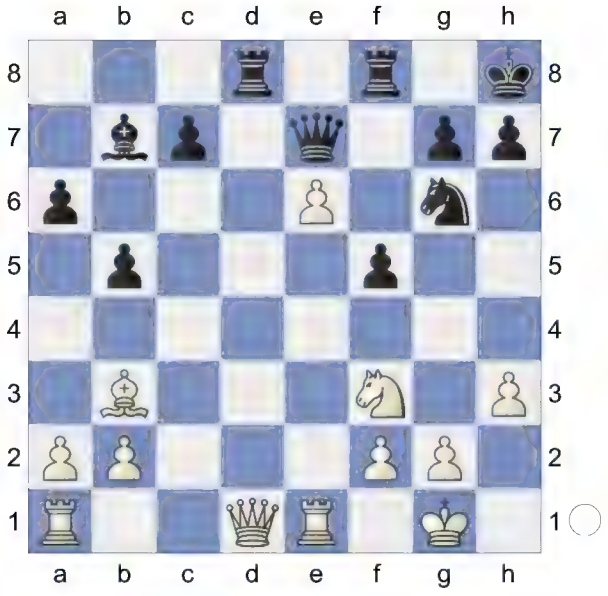
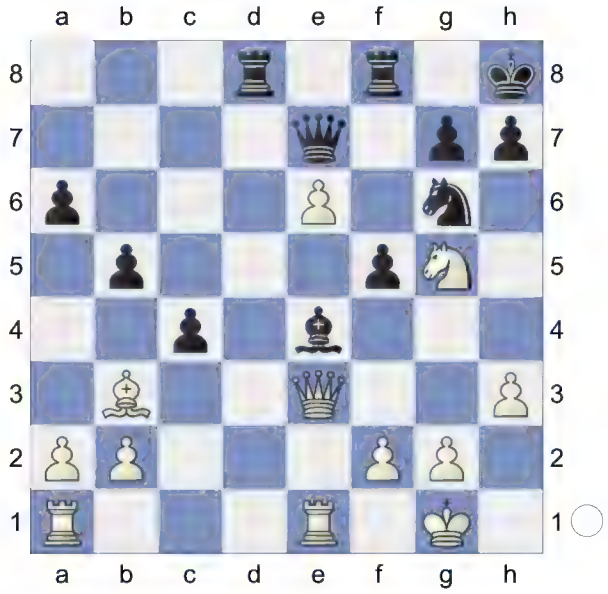


16.e5! b5 17.Bb3N
[17.Bc2 Bb7 18.Nf3 Nf4 Schn Schnellstarter Kapitel-QS | 13A | 6.O-O: 8.Lg5 Haupt Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]
17...dxe5 18.dxe5 Bb7 19.Nf3 Qe7 20.e6 Rad8



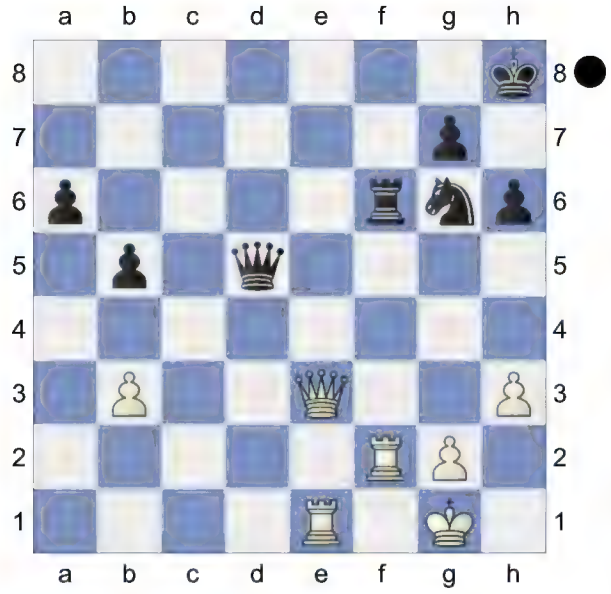
21.Qe2 Be4 And now ...Rd3 would win. ...Rd3 would now be deadly. **22.Qe3** -1.59/23
[22.Rad1= -0.08/19]
22...c5? 0.01/21
[22...Rd3∓ -1.59/23 23.Qg5 Rf6 *(23...Bxf3 24.Qxe7 Nxe7 25.gxf3 Rfd8)*]
23.Ng5= c4 1.51/19
[23...Rd3!= 0.06/18 keeps the balance. remains equal. 24.Qc1 Rd4 *(24...c4 25.Bc2=)*]



24.Nf7+!± Rxf7 1.51/19
[Black should try 24...Kg8 1.08/21 25.Nxd8 Rxd8]
25.exf7 Qxf7
[Reject 25...cxb3?! 26.f3±]

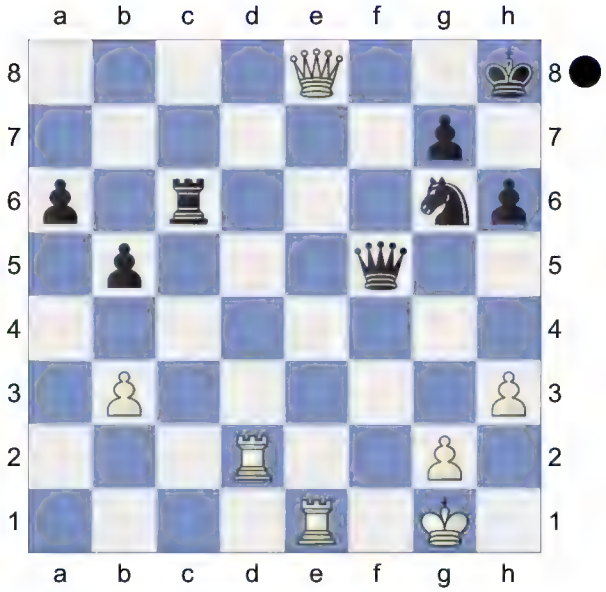
26.Rad1↑ White is really pushing.
26...Rf8 27.f3!↑ White is in control.
27...cxb3 28.fxe4 bxa2 29.exf5 Qxf5 30.Ra1 Qd5 2.40/17
[⌓30...Nf4± 1.67/18 keeps fighting.]

31.b3+- h6 32.Rxa2 Rf6 33.Rf2



Hoping for Rxf6. [#] and Rxf6 should not be overlooked **33...Rc6 34.Rd2 Qf5** 7.18/23
[34...Qc5 3.42/22 35.Qxc5 Rxc5]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.47

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.46
35.Qe8+



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69 **C70**
□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2610**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2567**
Chess.com Classic Play-In rapid (4.8)
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**

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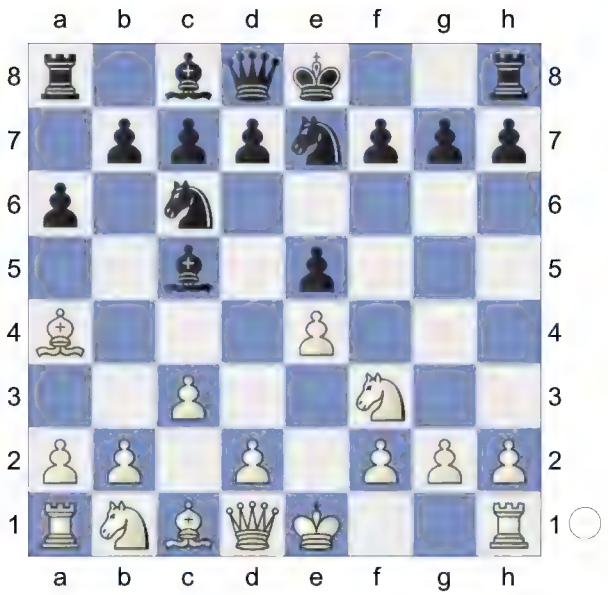

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 White is slightly better. **8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5** 0.60/17

[9...Qxd5= 0.21/19 should be considered. 10.0-0 *(10.Bb3 Qh5 11.Qd3 Bg4 12.Ng5 0-0-0 13.Bxf7 Ne5 14.Bxh5 Nxd3+ 15.Kd2 Bxh5 16.Kxd3 c5 17.Ne6 Rd6 18.Nf4 Rxd4+ 19.Kc2 Rf8 20.Re1 Rfxf4 21.Bxf4 Bg6+ 22.Kc1 Rxf4 23.Rxe7 Rxf2 24.Re5 Rc2+* ½-½ (43) Madaminov,M (2501)-Nigmatov,O (2447) Masters Open 2024 (3.18)) 10...Bxc3]

10.0-0± 0-0

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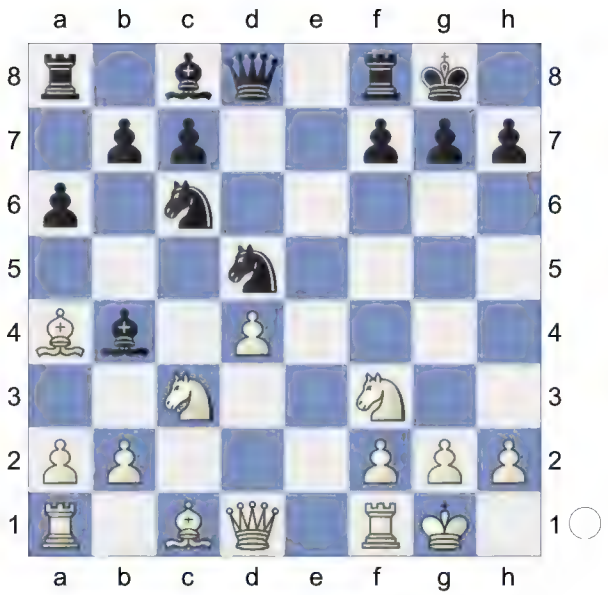

11.Qc2N 0.10/19

[11.Bc2± 0.59/15]

[11.Bg5 Qd6 12.Ne4 Qg6 13.Bc2 f5 14.Nh4 Qf7 15.Nc5 h6 16.Bc1 Qf6 17.Bb3 Rd8 18.Nf3 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Qxd4 20.Nxd4 Bxc5 21.Ne2 Be6 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.fxe3 g6 24.g4 Kg7 25.Nd4 Bc8 ½-½ (30) Neumann,E-Wehr,S USSR 49/750 1990 26.gxf5 Nxe3 27.f6+ Kf8 28.Rfe1 Rxd4 29.Rxe3 Rg4+ 30.Kf2 Rf4+ ½-½ De Waard,J-De Boer,P NED-ch H corr 1992]

11...h6= 12.a3

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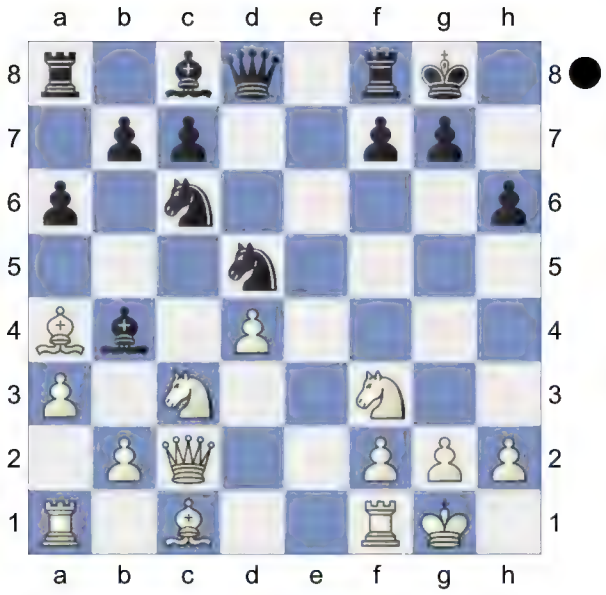
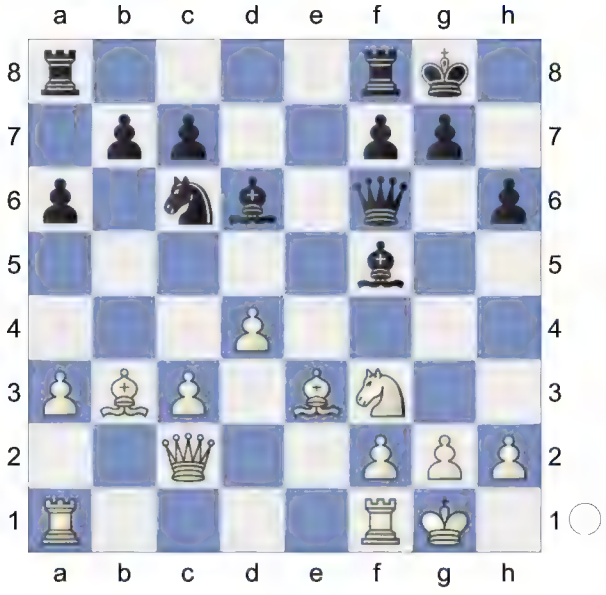


Nxc3 0.29/20
[⌓12...Bxc3 -0.08/20 13.bxc3 Re8]
13.bxc3 Bd6 14.Bb3 -0.35/19
[14.Qd3= 0.15/18]
14...Qf6!∓ 15.Be3 Bf5



16.Qd1 Rae8 17.Bc2 Na5 18.Nd2 Inhibits Nc4. **18...Re7 19.Bxf5 Qxf5 20.c4 b6**

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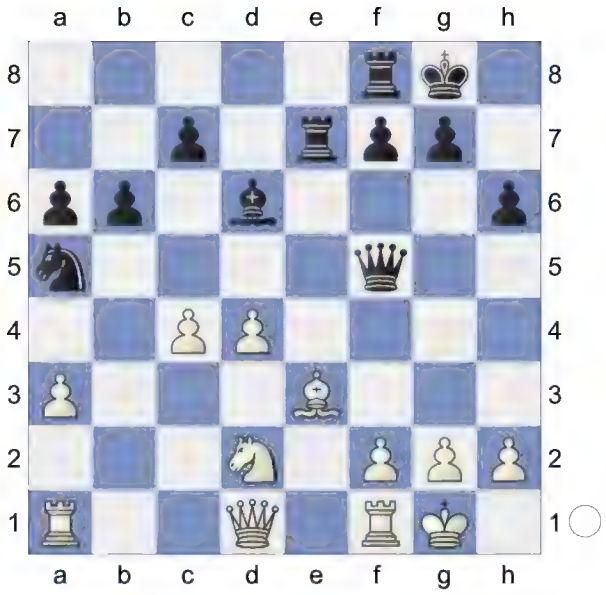
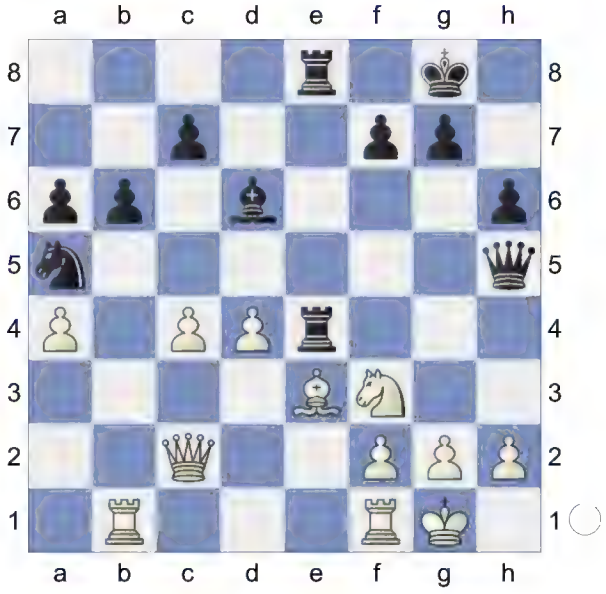


21.a4 Rfe8 22.Rc1 Ba3 23.Qc2 Qh5→ Black mounts an attack. **24.Rb1 Bd6 25.Nf3 Re4**



26.c5 -0.69/25
[26.Rfe1= -0.24/20]
26...bxc5 Black is more active. **27.dxc5**

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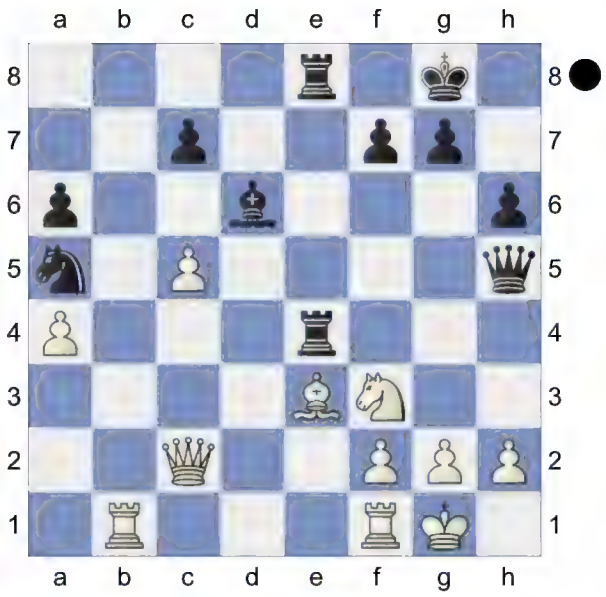
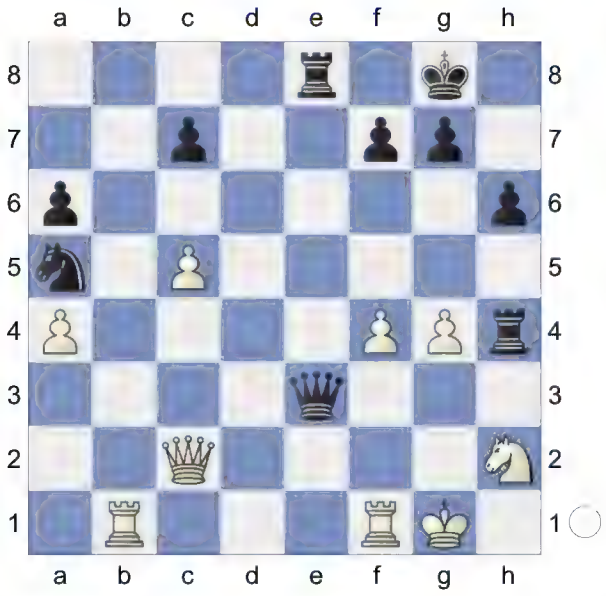
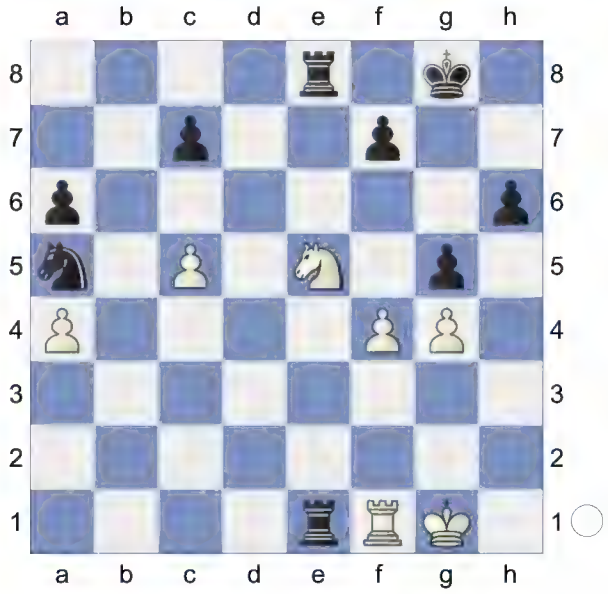


Bxh2+ D e f l e c t i o n **28.Nxh2** And now Rbe1 would win. **28...Rh4** **29.g4** -1.57/27
[29.Qd1!∓ -0.56/19 Rxh2 30.Qxh5 Rxh5 31.Rfe1]
29...Qe5∓ 30.f4 -2.73/18
[30.Nf3∓ -1.53/21 Rxg4+ 31.Kh1]
30...Qxe3+-+



31.Qf2 Rh3 32.Qxe3 Rhxe3 33.Nf3 R3e4 34.Ne5 -3.37/20
[34.Rfe1 -2.22/17]
34...g5
[34...Rxa4 35.Ra1 Rxa1 36.Rxa1]
35.Rbe1 -4.27/24
[35.c6 -2.80/19]
35...Rxe1
[35...Rxa4? 36.Ra1 Rxa1 *(36...Rxf4? 37.Rxf4 gxf4 38.Nd3-+)* 37.Rxa1-+]



36.Rxe1 gxf4 KRN-KRN. Black is two pawns up. **37.Kf2 Nb3 38.Nd3 Rd8** -1.24/18
[38...Rxe1-+ -4.32/22 is more deadly. 39.Kxe1 Nd4 40.Nxf4 Ne6]
39.Nxf4∓ Nxc5 40.Rc1 -2.84/21
[⌓40.Re5 -1.94/21 Nxa4 41.Ra5]
40...Rd4!-+
[40...Nxa4 41.Rxc7 Rd6 42.Rc8+ Kh7 43.Rc7∓]

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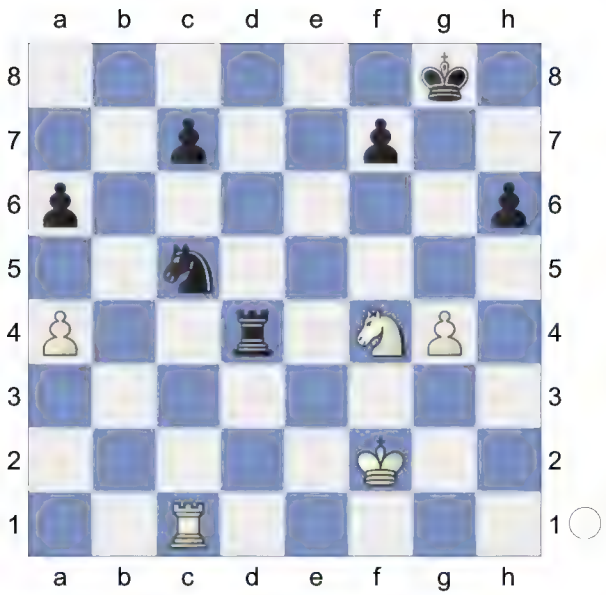
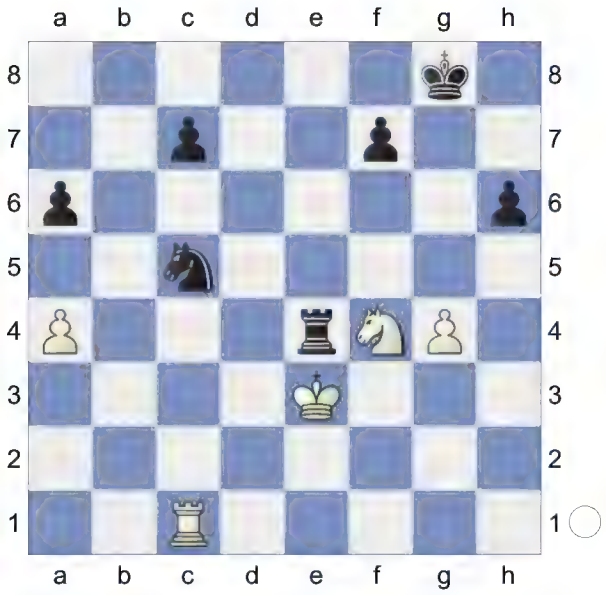


41.Ke3 -4.47/19
[41.Ne2 -2.98/19 was called for. Ne4+ *(41...Rxg4 42.Rxc5 Rxa4 43.Rxc7=)* 42.Kg2 Rxa4 43.Rxc7]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
41...Re4+
[Not 41...Rxa4 42.Rxc5 Ra1 43.Rxc7+-]



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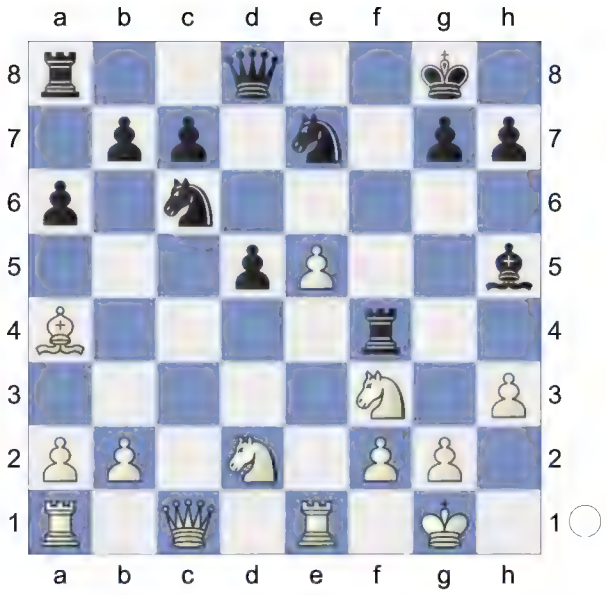
70 **C70**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2723**
■ **Le Tuan,Minh** **2567**
Titled Tue 5. Dec Early (9) 05.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

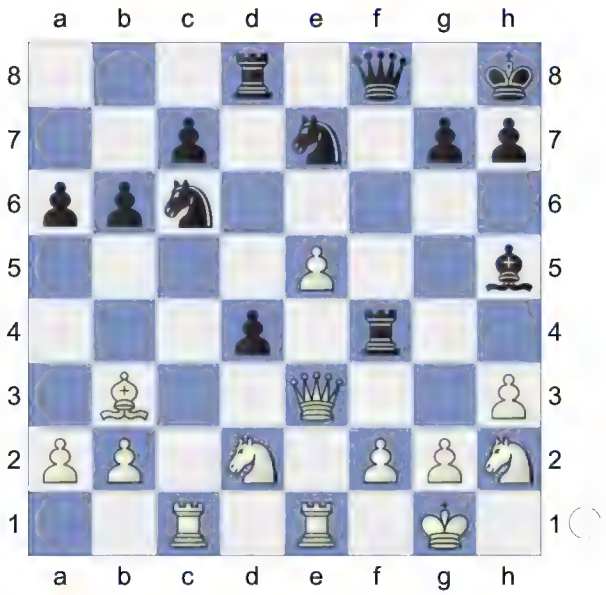
6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d5 10.e5 0-0**

(Diagram)

11.0-0 Bg4
[11...Bf5 12.Re1 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Bxc6 Nxc6 15.Qb3 b6 16.Qc3 Qd7 17.Rac1 Raf8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 c6 20.Rce1 Bg6 21.f3 Re8 22.Qb4 Qd8 23.Nf1 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Bf7 25.Qe1 Kf8 26.Ne3 1-0 (40) Caruana,F (2804)-Batsuren,D (2515) American Cup Blitz 2024 (1.1)]
12.h3 Bh5 13.Qc1N
[13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rac1 Nd8 16.Rfe1 *(16.Qe3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Ne6 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.f4 Rf7 21.Rf3 Raf8 22.Rcf1 Qa4 23.a3 Qb5 24.b3 b6 25.Rc1 a5 26.Kh2 Qd7 27.a4 Kh8 28.Rc2 Kg8 29.Qc1 Qe7 30.Rc6 Kh8* 1-0 (71) Caruana,F (2766)-Yu Yangyi (2729) Airthings Masters Div 2 W rapid 2023 (5.1)*)* 16...Ne6 17.Qe3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 h6 19.Nh4 b6 20.Nf5 Kh7 21.Qd3 Kh8 22.Qd2 Kh7 23.Rc3 a5 24.Rg3 Rg8 25.Rc1 Rac8 26.Rcc3 g5 27.Ne3 h5 1-0 (31) Caruana,F (2792)-Halkias,S (2527) World Rapid 2021 (4.14)]
13...f6 14.Re1 fxe5 15.dxe5 Rf4
(Diagram)



16.Bb3 Qf8 0.54/21
[16...h6= 0.10/18]
17.Qc5 Kh8 1.36/19
[17...Rd8± 0.31/19]
18.Rac1 0.31/17 White is more active.
[18.Bxd5± 1.36/19 and Be4 should not be overlooked Nxd5 19.Qxd5]
18...Rd8± 19.Nh2 -0.90/18
[19.Bc2± 0.34/18]
19...b6 0.41/20
[19...Nd4∓ -0.90/18]
20.Qe3 d4



21.Qg3 d3 22.Kh1 -1.05/19

[22.Rc3!= 0.24/20]

22...Be2 -0.60/19

[22...Rxf2∓ -1.05/19 23.Rf1 Rxf1+ 24.Nhxf1 Nf5]

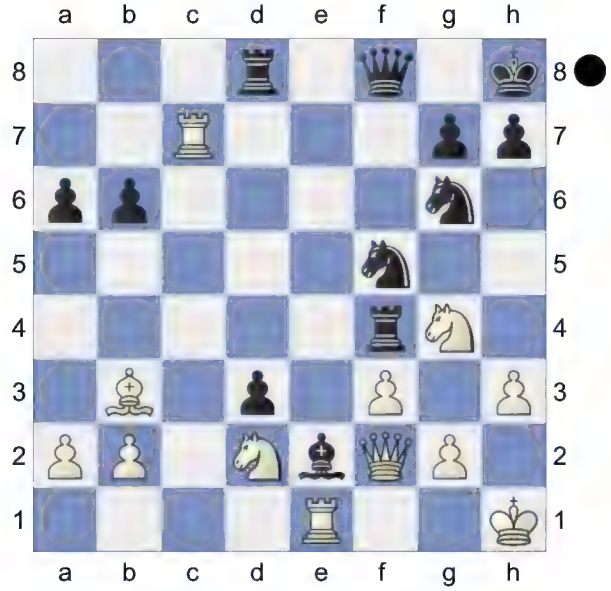
23.f3 Nxe5 24.Rxc7 N5g6↑

Black fights for an advantage. **25.Ng4** -1.42/17

[25.Qf2∓ -0.68/16]

25...Nf5∓

26.Qf2

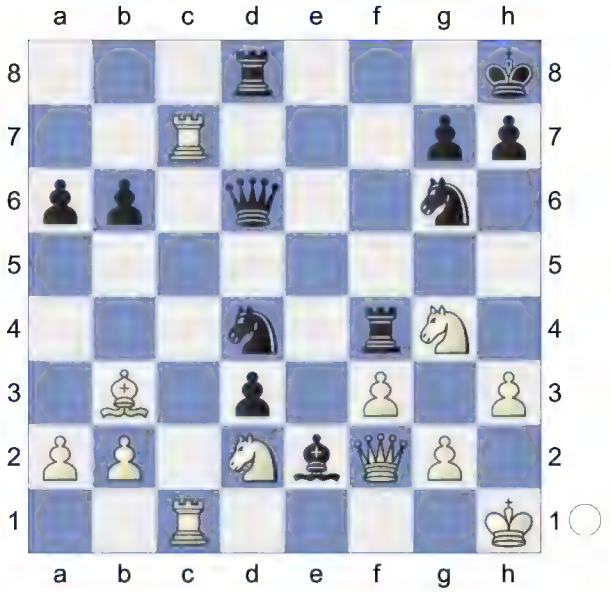


Qd6 0.43/19

[Better is 26...Nd4!∓ -1.33/17 ...Nxf3! is the strong threat. 27.Rc3 b5]

27.Rec1!± Nd4 0.73/18

[27...Nge7= 0.27/19]



Prevents R1c6. **28.Ne3?** -0.78/18

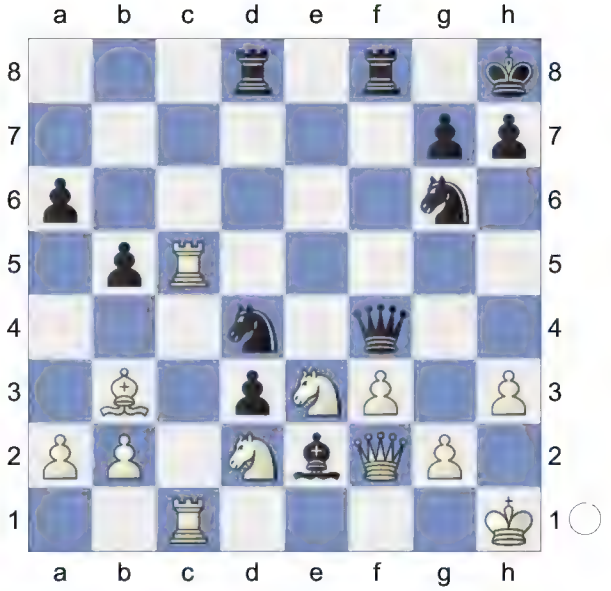
[28.Ne4? Rxe4 29.fxe4 d2-+]

[28.Rb7!± 0.73/18 stays on course.]

28...Rff8 29.R7c4? -3.23/21

[White should play 29.Rb7!∓ -0.58/18]

29...b5 30.Rc5 Qf4

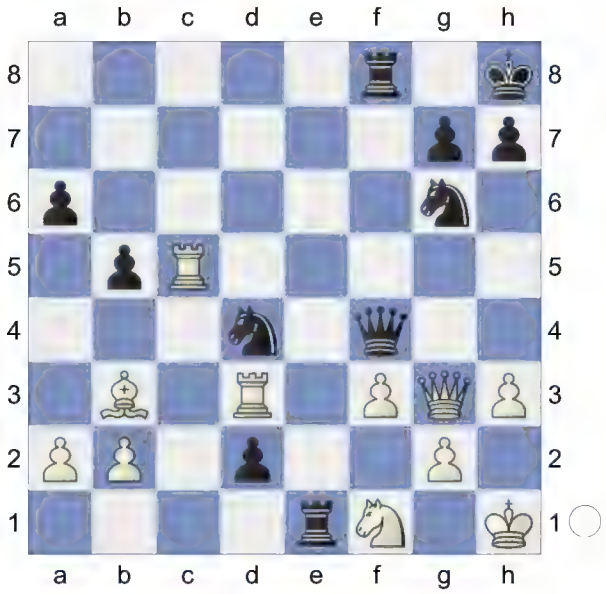


31.R1c3 -4.17/20

[⩲31.Nef1 -2.97/19]

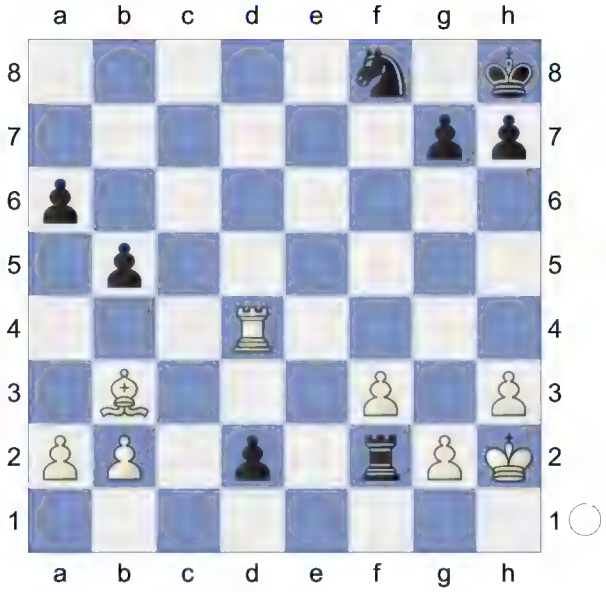
31...Rde8-+ 32.Nef1 Bxf1 33.Nxf1

Re2 34.Qg3 d2 -2.31/20
[34...Rxb2 35.Qxf4 Nxf4 36.Rc8+-]
[⌓34...Nxb3 -4.82/21 35.Rxb3 Qxg3 36.Nxg3 d2]
35.Rd3? -4.91/23
[35.Qxf4 -2.31/20 Rxf4 *(35...Nxf4 36.Rc8±)* 36.Nxd2 Rxd2 37.Rc8+ Nf8 *(37...Rf8 38.Rxf8+* Remove Defender *Nxf8 39.Rc8=)* 38.Bd5]
35...Re1? -0.33/20
[35...Qxg3 36.Nxg3 Re1+ 37.Kh2 Nxb3 38.Rcd5]
[35...Nxb3-+ -4.91/23 36.axb3 Qxg3 Remove Defender 37.Nxg3 Re1+ 38.Kh2 d1Q *(38...d1R? 39.Rdc3-+)* 39.Rxd1 Rxd1]

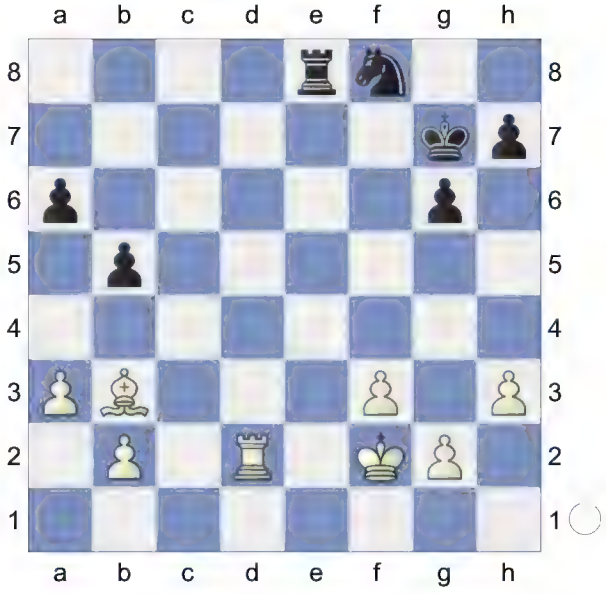


36.Qxf4∓ Rxf1+
[36...Rxf4 37.Rc8+ Rf8 *(37...Nf8? 38.Rxd4 Rxf1+ 39.Kh2+-)* 38.Rxf8+ Nxf8 39.Rxd4+-]
37.Kh2 White now steadily converts the win. **37...Rxf4** 3.03/20
[37...Nxf4∓ -0.67/20 keeps the upper hand. 38.Rxd4∓ Ne6 39.Bxe6 d1Q *(39...d1R? 40.Rf4-+* Back Rank *)* 40.Rxd1 Rxd1]

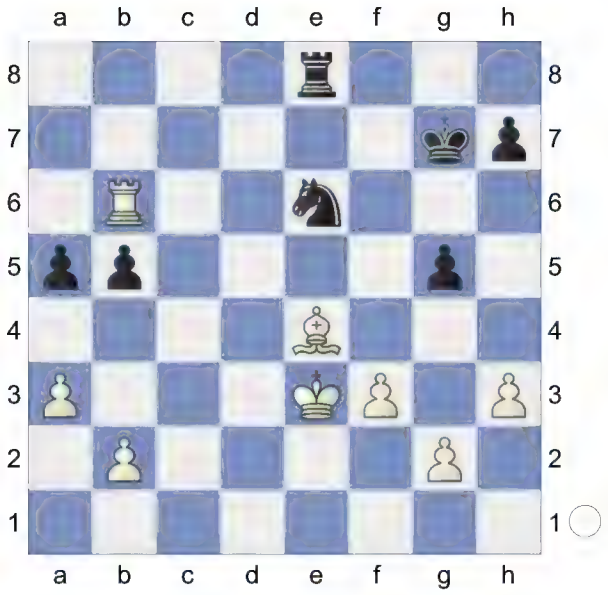
38.Rc8+ Rf8
[Don't go for 38...Nf8? 39.Rxd4+- *(39.Rxd2?* is the wrong capture. *Nxb3 40.axb3 Kg8-+)* 39...Rc1 40.Ra8+- *(40.Rxf4 Rxc8 41.Rd4 a5+-)*]
39.Rxf8+ Nxf8 40.Rxd4+- Endgame KRB-KRN **40...Rf2?** 4.20/18
[40...g5 2.22/18 41.Rxd2 Kg7]



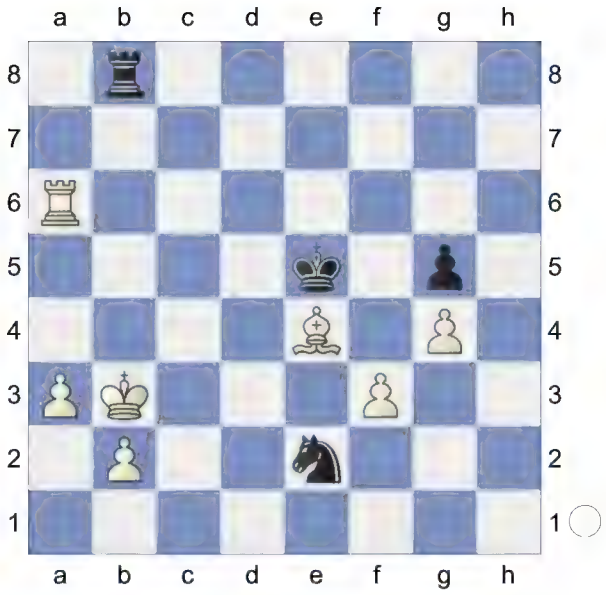
41.Kg1 Re2 42.Kf1 Re1+ 43.Kf2 Re8 44.Rxd2 g6 45.a3 Kg7



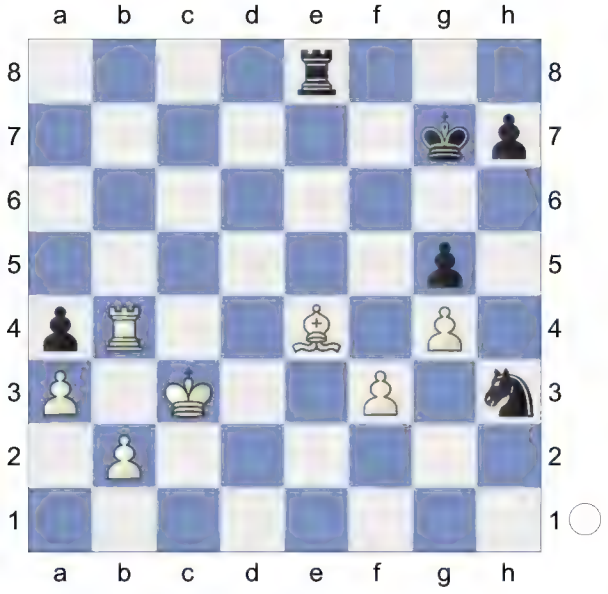
46.Bd5 Rd8 47.Ke3 Re8+ 48.Be4 Ne6 49.Rd6 a5 50.Rb6 g5



51.Rxb5 a4 52.Rb4 Nc5 53.Kd4 Ne6+ 54.Kc3 Nf4 55.g4 Nxh3



61.Ka2 Nc1+ 62.Kb1 Nb3 63.Rc6 Nd4 64.Rc3 Ne2 65.Rc2 Nd4



56.Rxa4 Kf6 6.73/20
[⌓56...Nf2 4.66/15 57.Bc6 Re3+ 58.Kd2 Rd3+ 59.Kc2 Kf6]
57.Ra6+
[57.Bxh7 Re3+ 58.Kd4 Rxf3+-]
57...Ke5 58.Bxh7 Ng1 59.Be4 Ne2+ 60.Kb3 Rb8+

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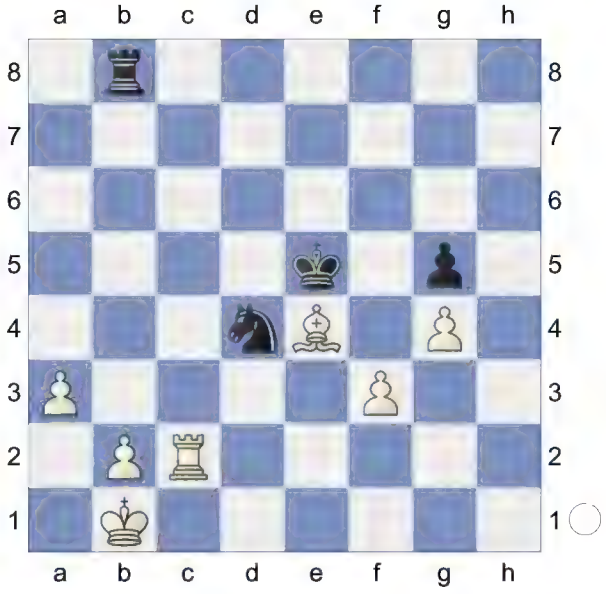
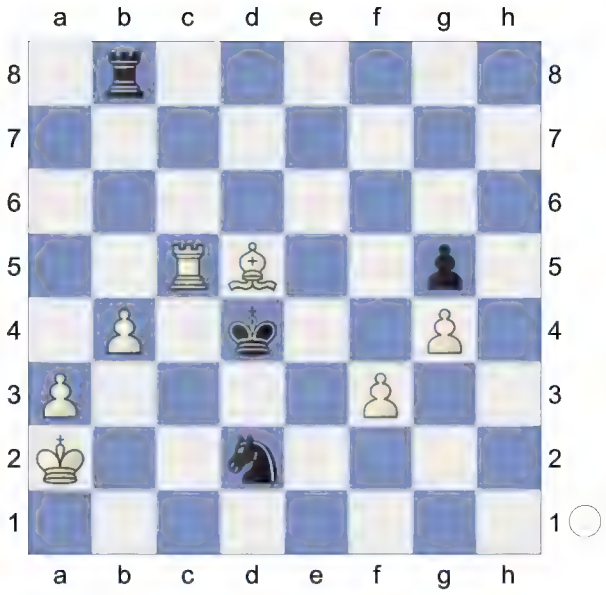
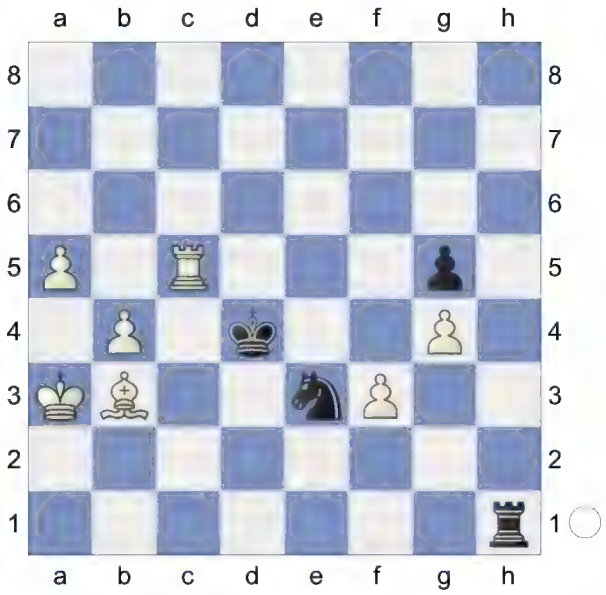


66.Rc4 Nb3 67.Ka2 Nd2 68.Rc5+ Kf4 69.b4 Ke3 6.48/17
[⌓69...Nxe4 4.36/17 70.Rf5+ Deflection *(70.fxe4 Kxg4 71.b5 Kh4+-)* 70...Kg3 71.fxe4 Kxg4]
70.Bd5 Kd4

(Diagram)



71.Kb2 Rh8 72.Bb3 Nf1 73.a4 Ne3 74.a5 Rh2+ 75.Ka3 Rh1



76.a6 Ra1+ 77.Ba2 Kd3 78.a7 Nc2+

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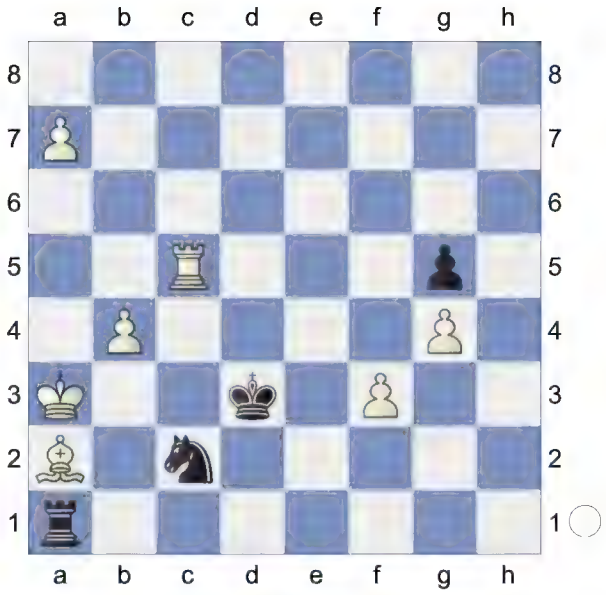
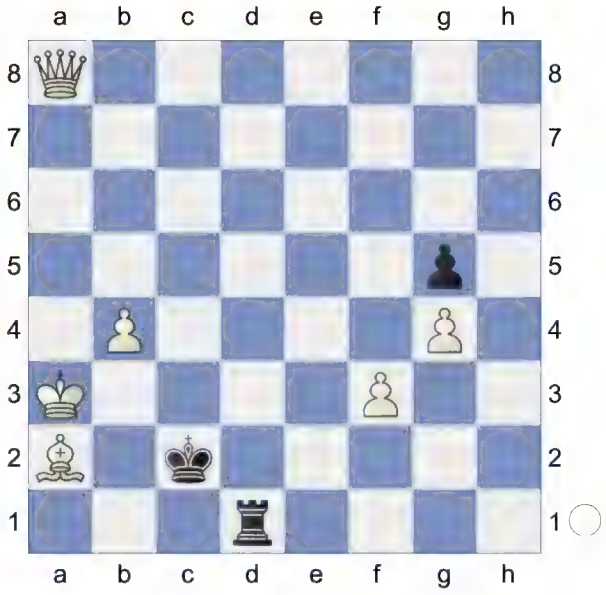


79.Rxc2! Kxc2 80.a8Q Rd1



81.Qe4+ Kc3 82.Qe3+ Rd3

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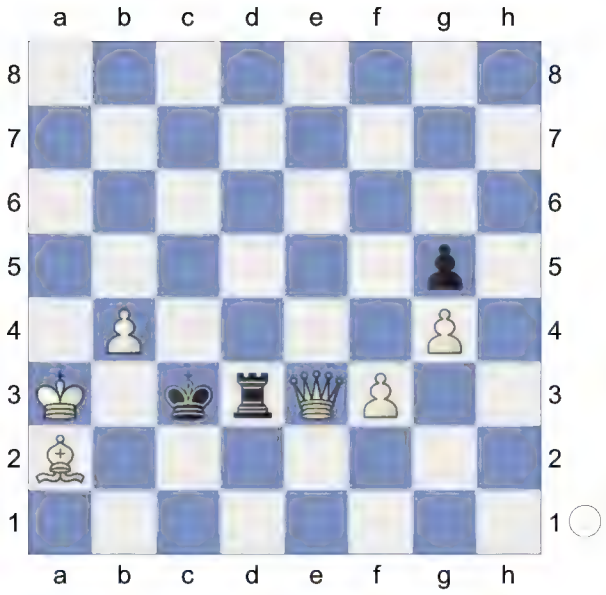

83.Qxd3+!! Kxd3

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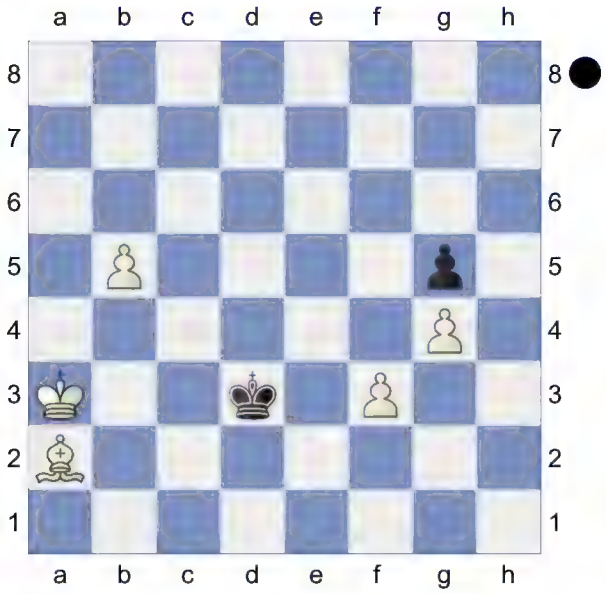
84.b5



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71 **C70**

□ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2690**

■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2567**

Titled Tue 13th Feb Early blitz (11)

[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

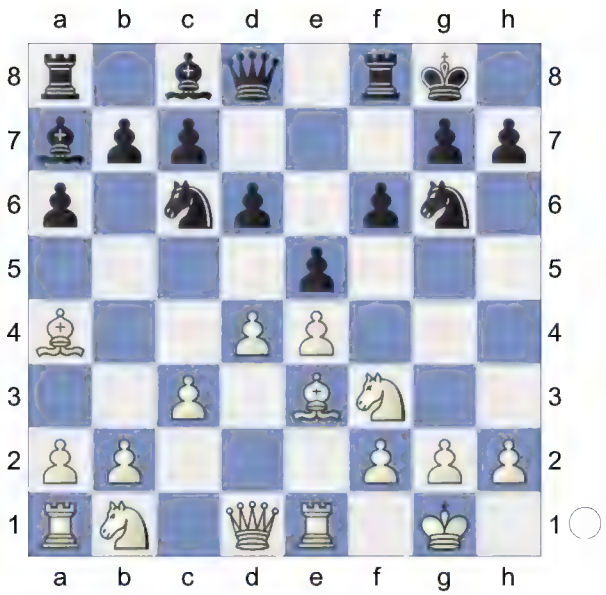
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6

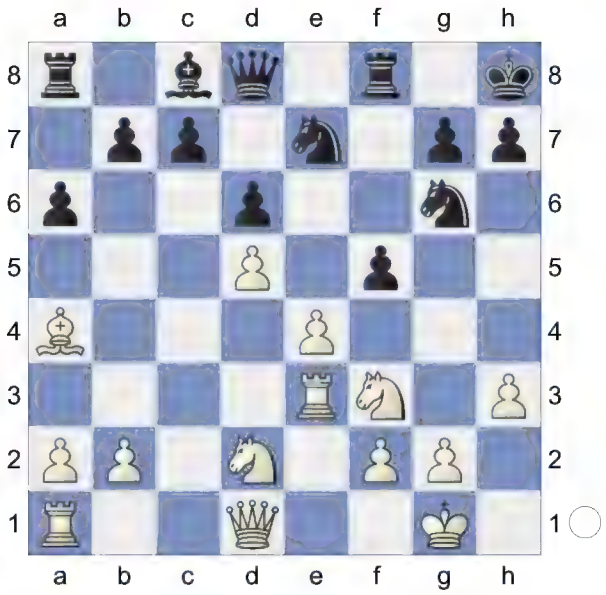
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**

10.Re1 d6

(Diagram)



11.h3 Kh8 12.Nbd2 exd4 13.cxd4 Nce7 14.d5 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 f5



16.Rc1 Nf4N

[16...c6 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Bxc6 Nxc6 19.Rxc6 Bb7 20.Rcc3 Nf4 21.Nd4 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Nd5 23.Ne6 Nxc3 24.Nxc3 Qf6 25.Nxf8 Rxf8 26.Qe2 h6 27.Re8 Rxe8 28.Qxe8+ Kh7 29.Qd7 1-0 Uskov,A (2440)-Karacsonyi,G (2384) Budapest SixDays 01 GM-A 2025 (9)]

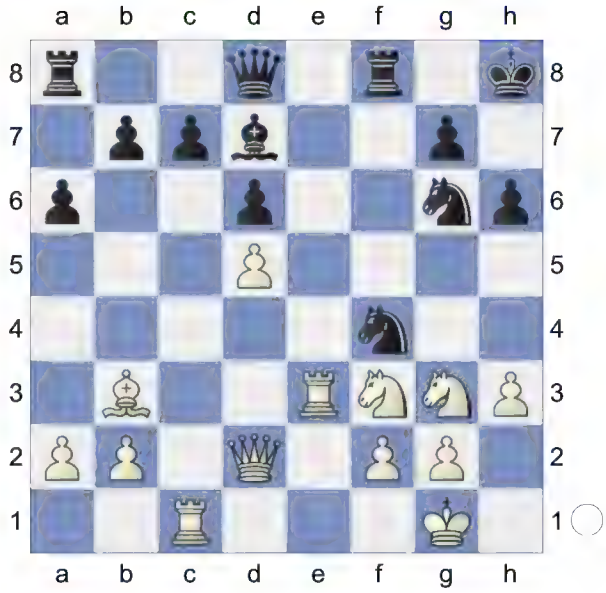
17.Bb3 fxe4 0.63/20

[17...Bd7= 0.00/19]

18.Nxe4± h6 19.Qd2 Neg6 20.Ng3 0.46/20

[Better is 20.Rcc3± 0.83/19]

20...Bd7



21.Bc2 Rc8 22.Bxg6 0.39/17

[22.Rce1± 0.88/18]

22...Nxg6 23.Nh5 Rf5 24.g4 Rf7 25.Nd4 Qc2 poses a challenge **25...Qh4** 0.68/20

[25...Qg5!= 0.16/21]

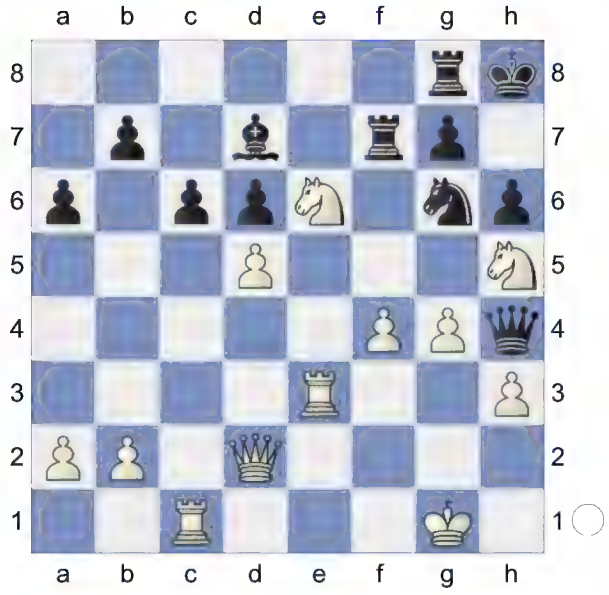
26.Ne6 c6 27.f4 0.21/17

[27.dxc6± 0.88/21 Bxc6 28.f4

(28.Qxd6? Qxf2#)]

27...Rg8 1.65/19

[27...Ne7!= 0.21/17]



28.dxc6!+- Bxc6 29.f5 1.04/19

[⌓29.Qxd6 1.50/19 Hoping for f5. Rd7 30.Qa3]

29...Ne5± ...Nxg4! would now be deadly.

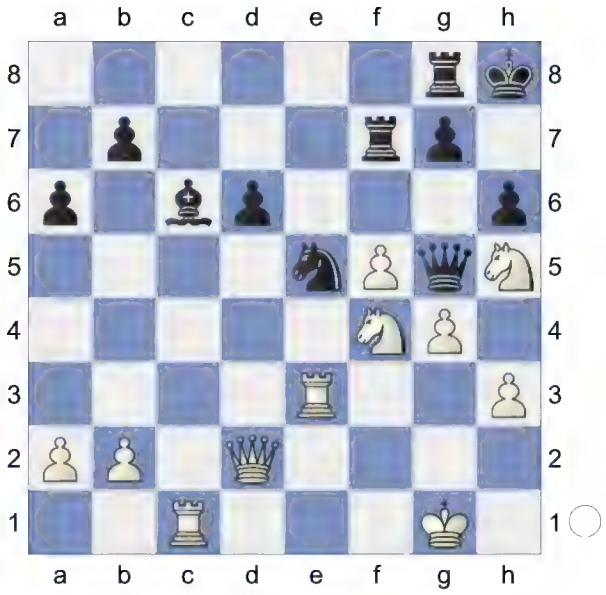
30.Nef4 White is more active. A dynamic duo of knights.

[30.Qxd6? Nxg4 31.Qg3 Qxh5-+]

30...Qg5 1.88/18

[Black should play 30...g6± 0.65/18 31.fxg6 *(31.Qxd6 Nxg4 32.hxg4 gxh5=)* 31...Nxg6]

(Diagram)

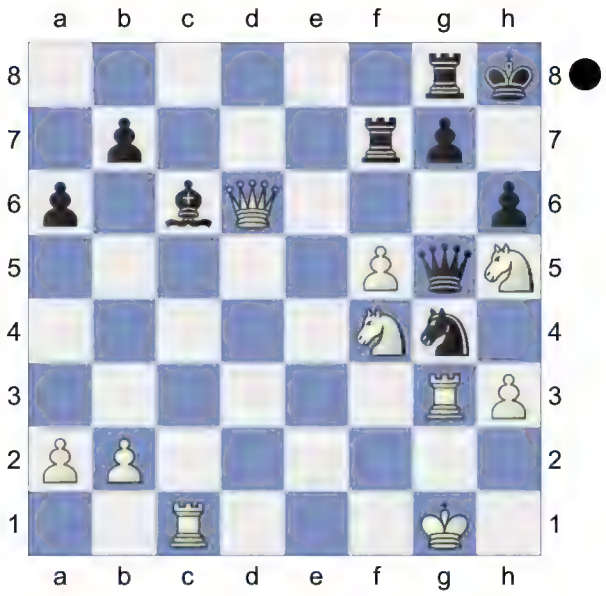


31.Qxd6+- Nxg4 2.38/20

[31...Rxf5? 32.Rxe5 Rd8 *(32...Rxe5? 33.Qxe5 Re8 34.Qc3+-)* 33.Qe6 *(33.Rxf5 Rxd6 34.Rxg5 hxg5+-)* 33...Rxe5 34.Qxe5 Qxe5 *(34...Rd1+? 35.Rxd1 Qxe5 36.Ng6+ Kh7 37.Nxe5+-)* 35.Ng6+ Kg8 36.Nxe5+-]

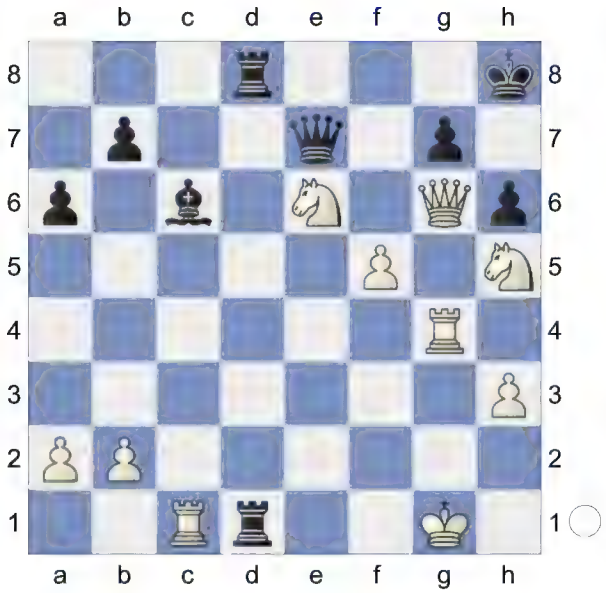
[31...Nf3+ 1.80/19 keeps fighting. 32.Kf2 Rd7 33.Rxc6 *(33.Ng6+ Kh7=)* 33...Rxd6 34.Rxd6 Nh4]

32.Rg3↑



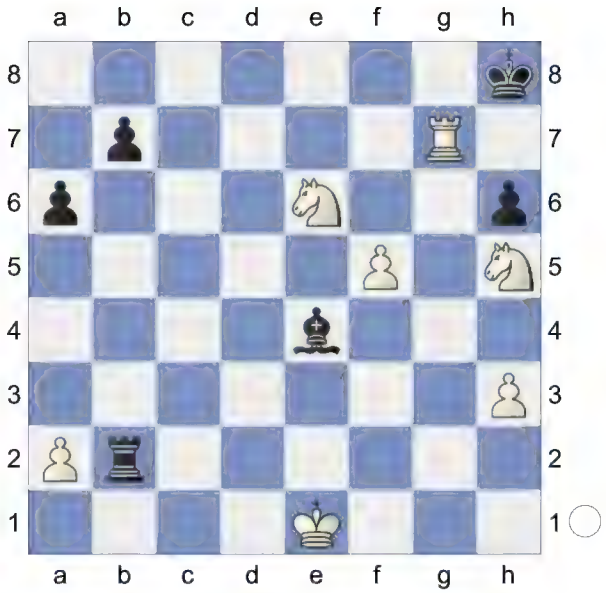
Pin. Keeping Black busy. **32...Rd8**

2.91/20
[32...Qxf5± 1.54/19 33.Rxg4 *(33.hxg4 Qe4±)* 33...Kh7]
33.Qg6 1.74/20
[⌓33.Qe6 2.91/20 Qxf5 *(33...Rxf5? perishes. 34.Rxg4 Bd7 35.Qe1+-; 33...Bd5? 34.Qb6+-)* 34.Qxf5 *(34.Rxg4 Qxe6 35.Nxe6 Rd3+-)* 34...Rxf5 35.hxg4 *(35.Rxg4 g5+-)*]
33...Rfd7 4.48/18
[33...Rxf5 1.74/20 34.Rxg4 Qxg6 Remove Defender 35.Nxg6+ *(35.Rxg6 Be8=)* 35...Kh7]
34.Rxg4
[Much less strong is 34.hxg4 Rd1+ 35.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 36.Kf2 Rh1 37.Qxg5 hxg5 38.Ng6+ Kh7]
34...Qe7 6.36/19
[⌓34...Qxg6 4.33/17 35.Nxg6+ Kh7]
35.Ne6 Rd1+



36.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 37.Kf2 Rd2+ 38.Ke1 Rxb2 39.Qxg7+ Qxg7 40.Rxg7 Threatening mate with Nf6. **40...Be4**

(Diagram)



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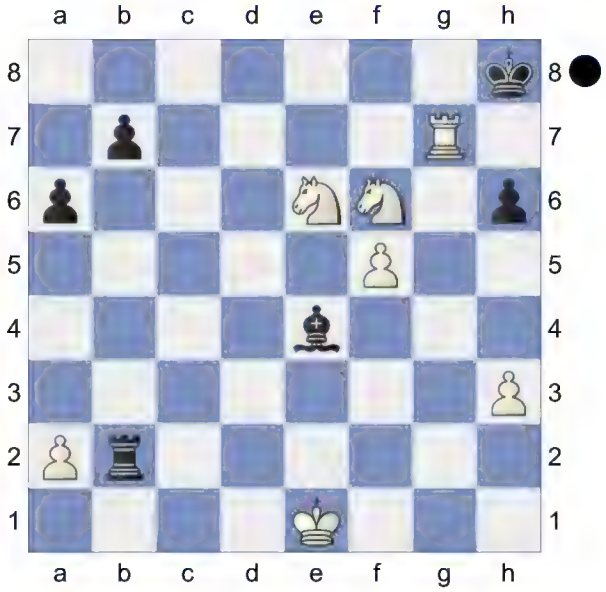

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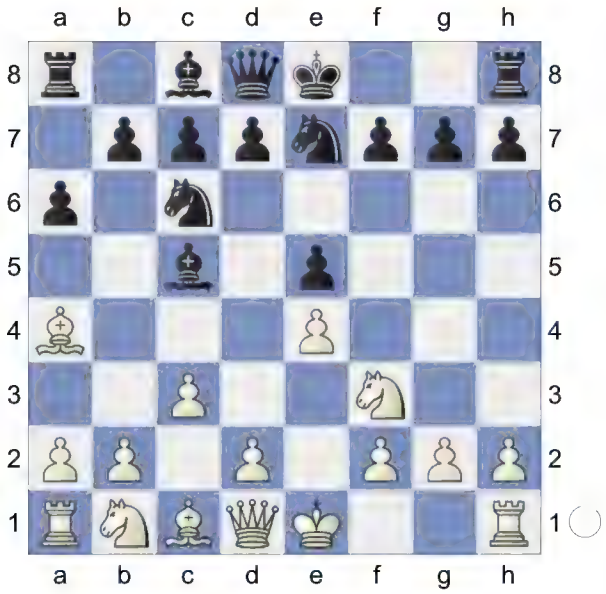
72 **C70**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2738**
■ **Le Tuan,Minh** **2567**
Titled Tue 7. May Early (9) 07.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

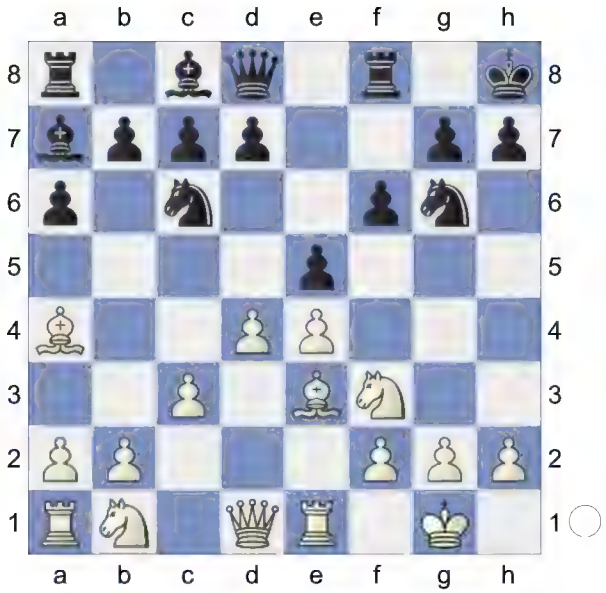
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7



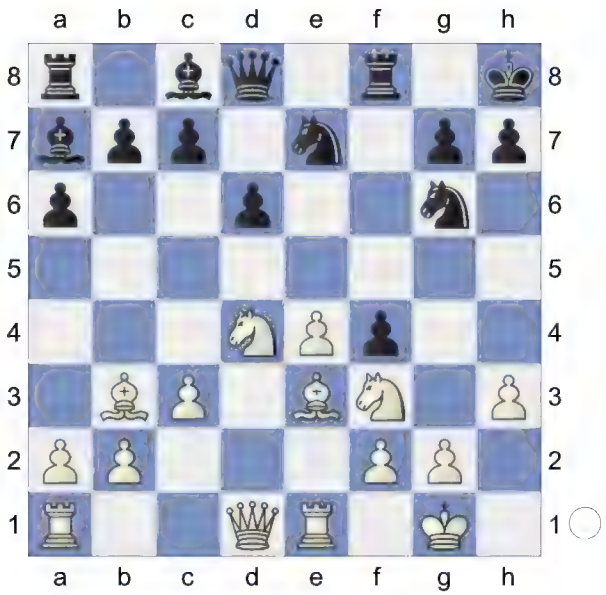
6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Re1 Kh8

(Diagram)

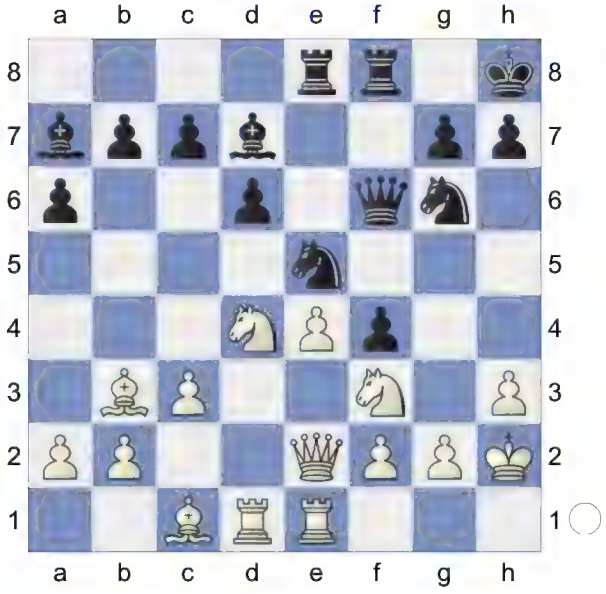


11.h3
[11.Nbd2 d6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Rc1 Nce7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.c4 exd4 16.Nxd4 f5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qxf5 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.Qf3 Raa8 21.Qxf5 Rxf5 22.Rc3 Raf8 23.f3 Re5 24.Rxe5 Nxe5 25.Kf2 Kg8 ½-½ (39) Hou,Y (2633)-Koneru,H (2530) London TechM GCL rapid 2024 (7.1)]
11...d6 12.Bb3 Nce7 13.Nbd2 exd4N
[13...h6 14.Nf1 f5 15.dxe5 fxe4 16.exd6 exf3 17.dxe7 Qxe7 18.Ng3 Qh4 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.Bc2 Qg5 21.Qd3 Bf5 22.Qd4 Bxc2 23.Qxa7 Nf4 24.Qe3 Qh4 25.Qe7 Rf6 26.Qd7 fxg2 27.Re8+ Kh7 28.Kh2 0-1 Fecker,N (2396)-Koellner,R (2485) Wch U20 60th 2023 (9) Bf5]
14.Nxd4
[14.cxd4 d5=]
14...f5 And now ...f4 would win. **15.N2f3 f4!**

(Diagram)

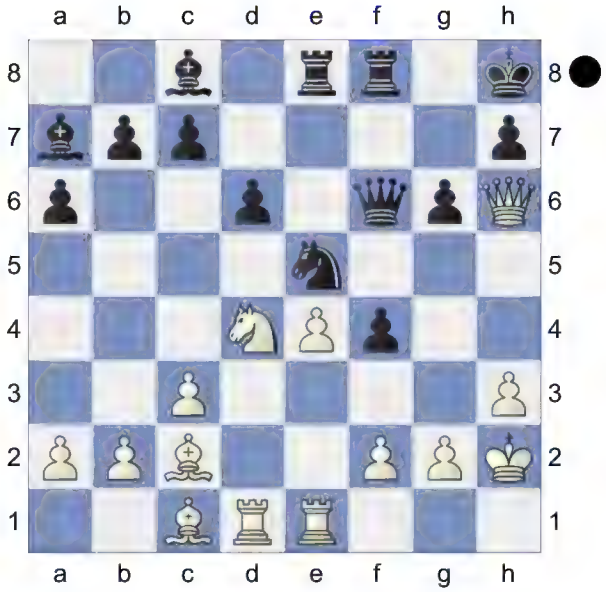


16.Bd2 -0.42/20
[16.Bc1!= 0.17/19]
16...Nc6 0.71/19
[16...Ne5∓ -0.42/20 stays ahead.]
17.Qe2? -1.38/17
[17.Nxc6± 0.71/19 bxc6 18.c4]
17...Nce5∓ 18.Rad1 Qf6 -1.13/19
[⌓18...Bd7 -1.55/20 19.a4 a5]
19.Bc1 Bd7 20.Kh2 -2.11/18
[20.Bd5∓ -1.35/16 was worth a try.]
20...Rae8-+

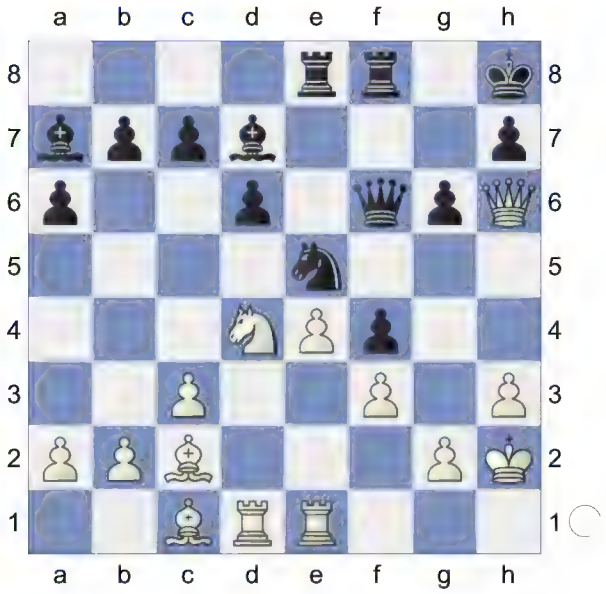


21.Bc2 Bc8 22.Nxe5 Nxe5
[22...Rxe5 23.Nf3∓]

23.Qh5 Dodges Qh4 **23...g6** -0.85/20
[23...Bd7-+ -1.62/17 24.b4 g5]
24.Qh6∓



Bg4 -0.31/20 **25.f3∓ Bd7**



26.h4 Rf7 0.22/18
[⌓26...b5 -0.27/19]
27.Ne2 -0.30/20
[⌓27.Bb3! 0.22/18 Rff8 28.Ne2]
27...Rg8? 1.27/19
[27...Bf2= -0.30/20]
28.Nxf4 0.69/20
[28.Bb3!± 1.27/19]
28...Qe7 2.66/19

[28...Bf2± 0.69/20]

29.Nd5? -0.80/21

[29.Bb3+- 2.66/19]

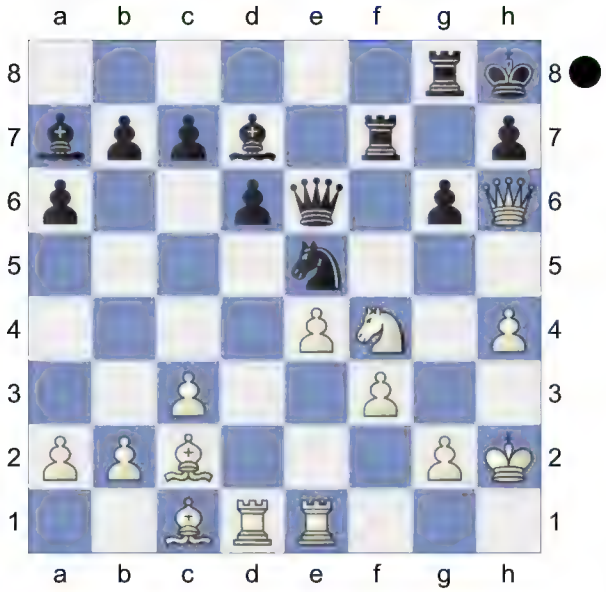
29...Qe6 0.65/18

[29...Nxf3+!∓ -0.80/21 30.Kh1 *(30.gxf3? Qe6-+)* 30...Qe5 *(30...Qxh4+ 31.Qxh4 Nxh4 32.Bg5±)*]

30.Nf4? -2.47/16

[30.Nxc7? Nxf3+ *(30...Qxa2 31.Nd5±)* 31.Kh1 Qg4-+ *(31...Qxa2? 32.gxf3 Rxf3 33.Nd5+-)*]

[30.Rf1!± 0.65/18 was forced to keep a grip.]



30...Nxf3+!-+

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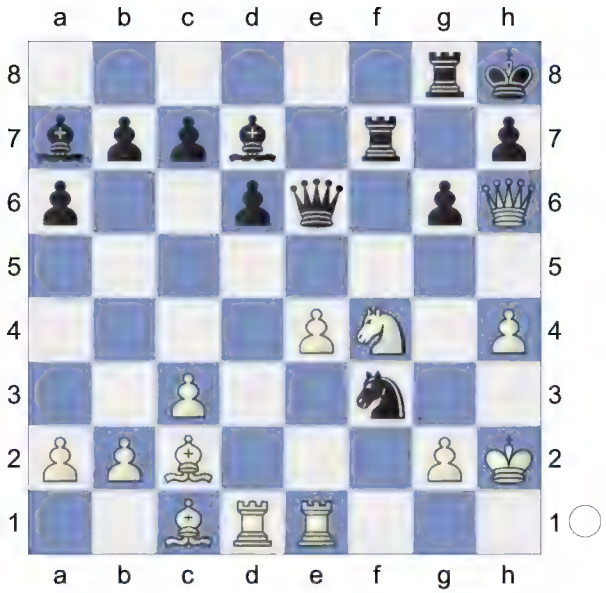


Double Attack **31.Kh1**

[31.gxf3 Rxf4 *(31...Qxa2? 32.e5+-)* 32.Re3 Qh3+ 33.Kg1 Rxf3 *(33...Bxe3+ 34.Bxe3 Qg3+ 35.Kh1 Qxf3+ 36.Kh2 Qh3+ 37.Kg1 Rg4+ 38.Kf2 Rg2+* Skewer *39.Kf1 Qh1+ 40.Bg1 Qxg1#; 33...Qxf3? 34.Qxf4 Qxf4* Pin *35.Rf1-+)* 34.Qg5 Rgf8 *(34...Bxe3+? 35.Bxe3 Rg3+ 36.Kf2-+; 34...Rg3+ 35.Kf2-+)* 35.Qg2 Rxe3 *(35...Bxe3+? 36.Bxe3 Rxe3 37.Qxh3-+; 35...Rg3 36.Qxg3 Qxg3+* Pin *37.Kh1 Qxh4+ 38.Kg1 Rf2 39.Rh3)* 36.Qxh3 Rg3+ *(36...Rxh3+? 37.Rd4-+; 36...Bxh3? 37.Bxe3 Bxe3+ 38.Kh2-+)* 37.Kh2 Rxh3+ 38.Kg2 Rf2+ *(38...Rxh4 39.Rf1 Rg4+* Deflection *40.Kh2 Rxf1 41.Bg5 Bg1+ 42.Kh1 Be3+* Discovered Attack (Check) *43.Kh2 Rxg5 44.Bd3 Bf4#)* 39.Kg1 Rd2+ 40.Kf1 Rh1#]

31...Qg4 (-> ...Qg3)

[31...Qxa2 32.gxf3 Bf2 33.Re2 Bxh4 34.Rg2+- *(34.Qxh4 g5+-)*]

32.e5? -#8/17

[32.Re2-+ -2.74/18 Ne5 *(32...Nxh4? 33.Bb3∓; 32...Qxh4+ 33.Qxh4 Nxh4*

34.Bb3±) 33.Bb3]

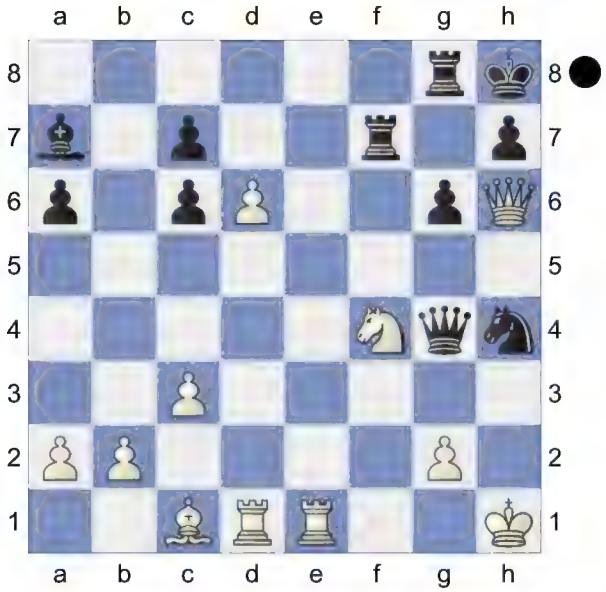
32...Nxh4 -5.01/19

[⌓32...Qg3 -#8/17 33.gxf3 Qxf3+ 34.Kh2 Rxf4 35.Re3 Bxe3 *(35...Qf2+ 36.Kh1 Bxe3 37.Qxf4 Bxf4 38.Bxf4 Bc6+ 39.Rd5 Bxd5+ 40.Be4 Bxe4#)* 36.Bxe3 Qe2+ 37.Bf2 Qxf2+ 38.Kh1 Bc6+ *(38...Qxc2 39.Qxf4 Bc6+ 40.Rd5 Bxd5+ 41.Qf3 Bxf3+ 42.Kg1 Qg2#)* 39.Rd5 Bxd5+ 40.Be4 Bxe4#]

33.Be4 Bc6

[33...dxe5? 34.Nh3 Nf5 35.Bxf5 Bxf5 *(35...gxf5 36.Ng5=)* 36.Qg5-+]

34.Bxc6 bxc6 35.exd6



Rxf4!

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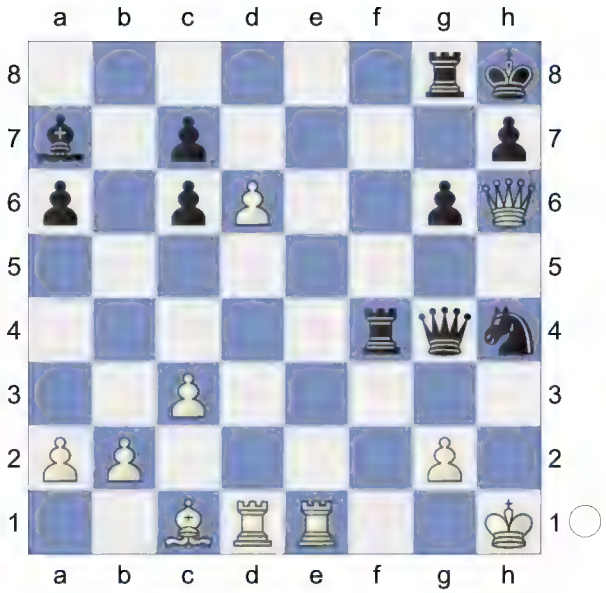


Remove Defender **36.Rd2**

[36.Rg1 Bxg1]

36...Rf2? -1.07/19

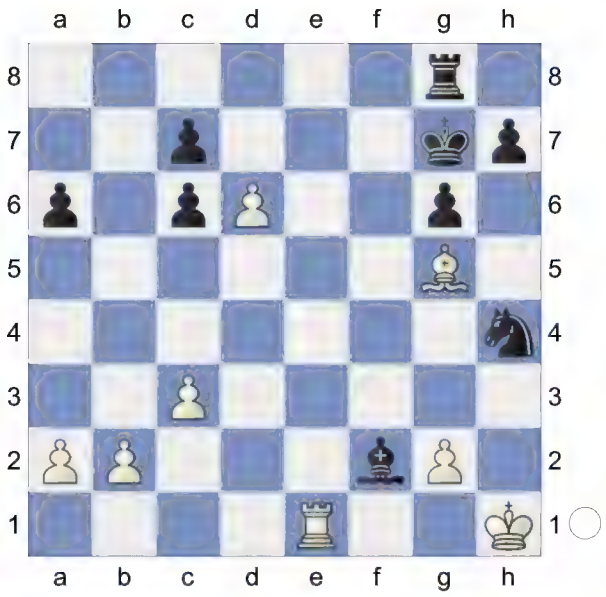
[36...Rf5-+ -13.21/20 has better winning chances. (-> ...Rh5) 37.Re3 Rh5 *(37...Bxe3? 38.Qxe3 Rf1+ 39.Kh2-+)*]

37.Rxf2∓ Bxf2→ Black goes for the king. **38.Qg5 Qxg5 39.Bxg5 Kg7** #3/17

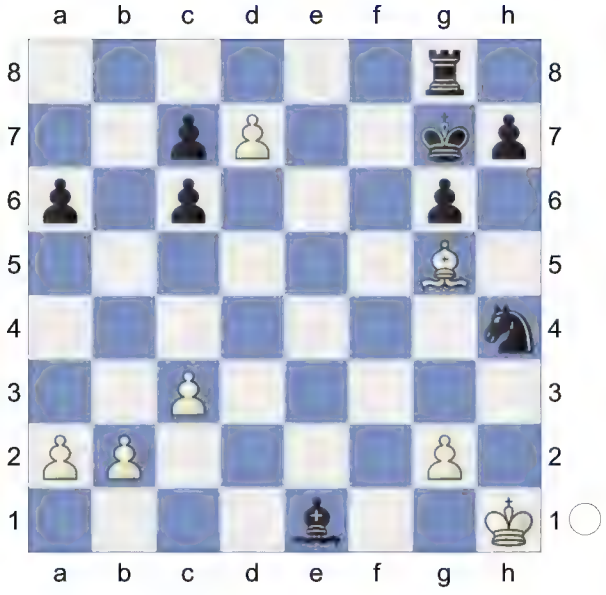
[39...Bxe1? perishes. 40.Bf6+ Rg7 41.d7+- *(41.Bxg7+ Kxg7 42.dxc7 Bg3+-; 41.dxc7 h5+-)*]

[39...Nf5∓ -1.38/23 40.Bf6+ Ng7]

(Diagram)



Against Bf6+ **40.d7??** -4.30/19
A wild game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.68
40...Bxe1



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73 **C70**
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2680**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2567**
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[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bxc6 dxc6
White is slightly better. **9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qe7**

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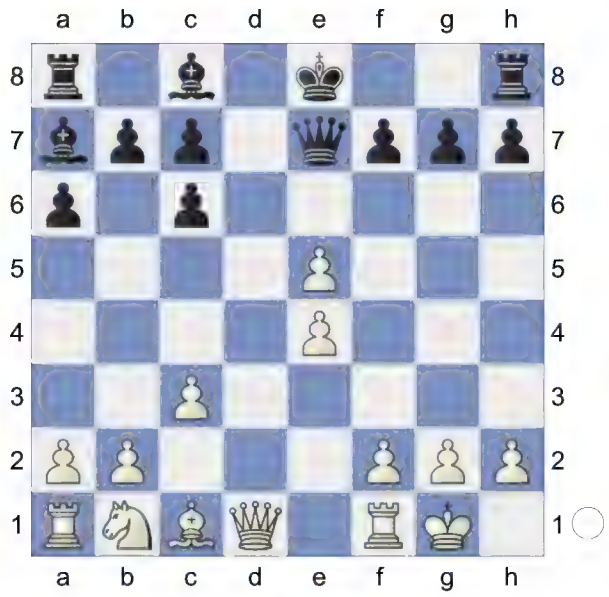


11.Qh5

[11.Qf3 Qxe5 12.Bf4 Qe7 13.Qg3 0-0 14.Nd2 Bb6 15.Rae1 Be6 16.e5 Bf5 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Qe6 19.Rfe1 Rad8 20.h4 h6 21.Bc1 f5 22.exf6 Qxf6 23.Rf4 Qd6 24.Kf1 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 0-1 (50) Anton Guijarro,D (2665)-Le,T (2564) Julius Baer GenCup P/I m D1 rapid 2024 (1.2)]

11...h6 12.Nd2N -0.01/21

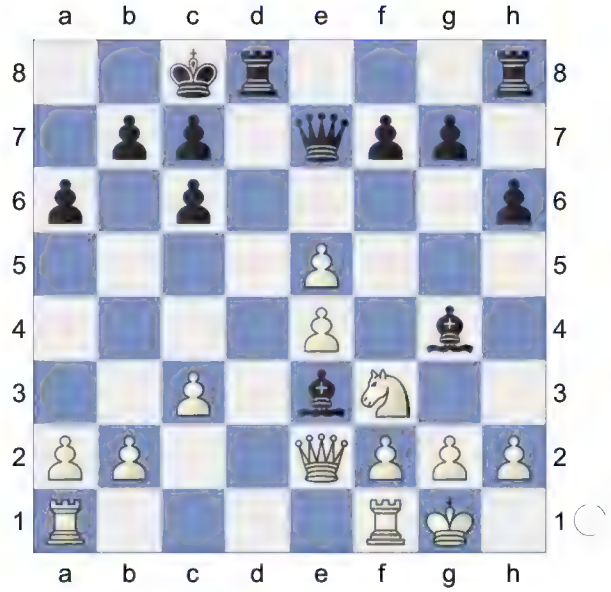
[12.Qf3± 0.51/20]

[12.Na3 g5 13.Qf3 Qxe5 14.Nc4 Qe6 15.b3 Bd7 16.Be3 c5 17.Rad1 0-0-0 18.Rd5 b6 19.Re5 Qg6 20.Re7 Rhe8 21.Ne5 Qd6 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Rd1 Qe6 25.h3 Bb8 26.Qf5 c6 0-1 (38) Kovacevic,A (2482)-Indjic,A (2604) SRB-ch 14th Vrnjacka Banja 2020 (1) 27.g4 Be5 28.Qxe6+ Rxe6 29.Rd3 Kc7 30.Kg2 Rd6 31.Rxd6 Kxd6 32.c4 Bf4 33.Bxf4+ gxf4 34.h4 Ke6 35.Kf3 Ke5 36.a3 b5 37.a4 bxa4 38.bxa4 a5 0-1 Kulaga,Y (2482)-Jimenez Villena,F (2604) Mainz (m/4-rapid) 85/206 2002 (1)]

12...Be6= 13.Qe2 0-0-0 14.Nf3 Bg4 0.24/22

[⌓14...g5 -0.29/22]

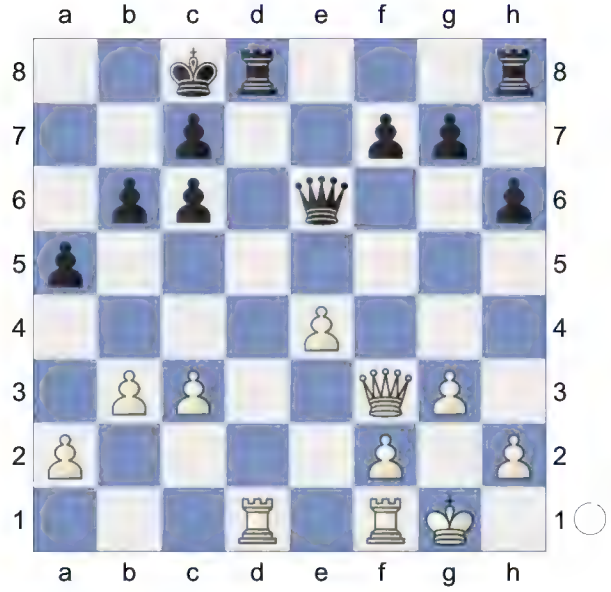
15.Be3 Bxe3



16.Qxe3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 and Qg4+ should not be overlooked **17...Qxe5 18.Rad1** -0.13/22

[⌓18.Qxf7 0.29/20 Qxe4 19.Rae1 *(19.Qxg7? Rhg8-+* Skewer *)*]

18...Qe6 Active counter play! **19.b3 a5 20.g3 b6**



21.Kg2 Kb7 22.Rd3 Rhe8 23.Re1

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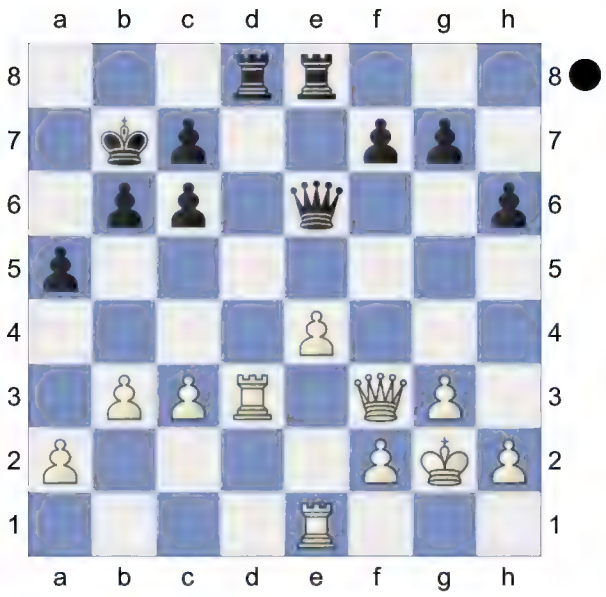
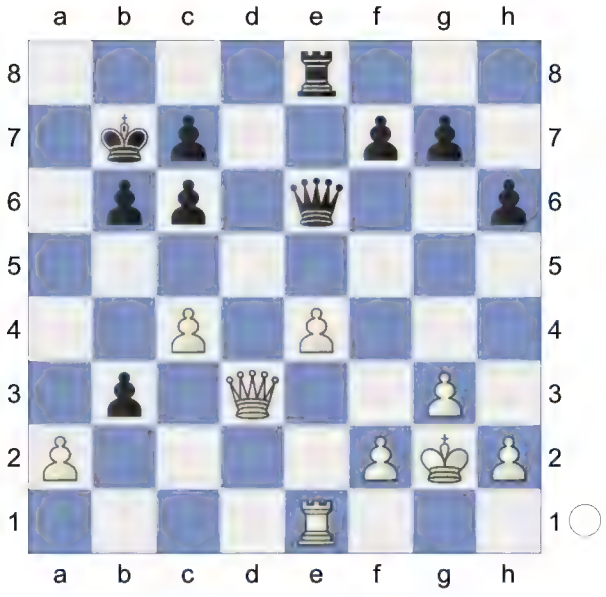
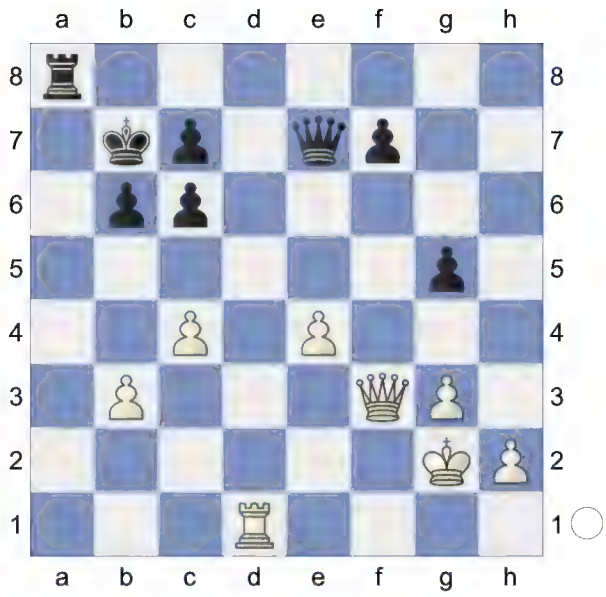


a4! 24.c4 Rxd3 25.Qxd3 axb3

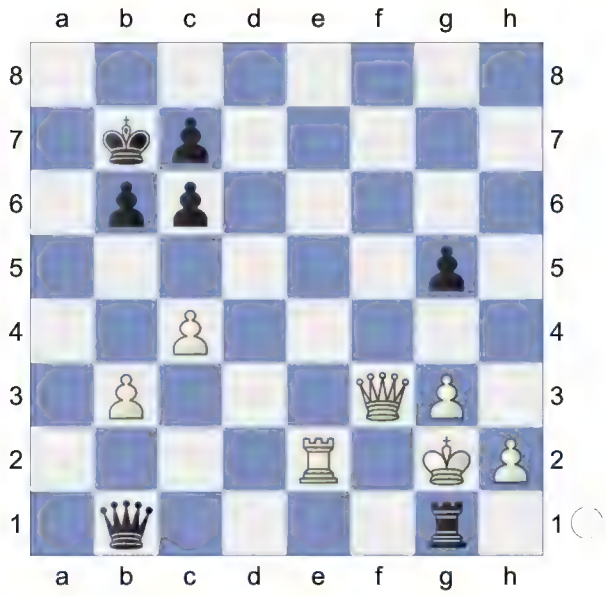


26.axb3∓ Endgame KQR-KQR **26...Qe5 27.f4 Qe7 28.Rd1** -0.78/17
[28.e5= 0.04/20]
28...g5!∓ 29.fxg5 hxg5 30.Qf3 Ra8
[30...Qxe4?! 31.Qxe4 Rxe4 32.Rf1±]

(Diagram)

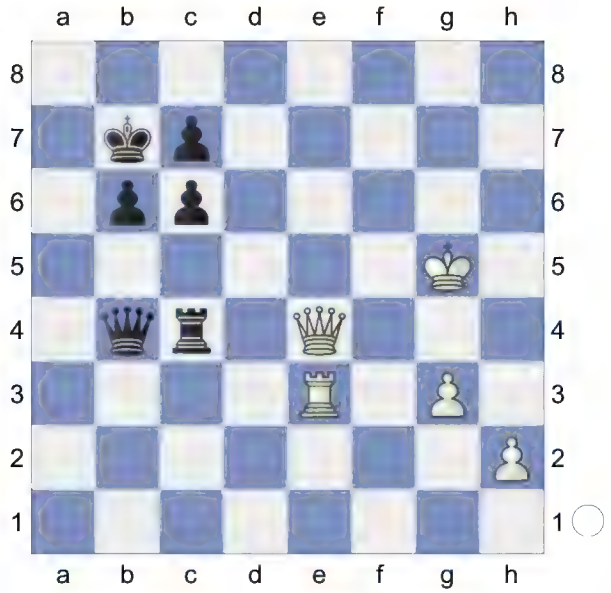


31.Rd2 Dodges Ra2 **31...Ra1** -0.63/21
[31...Ra3∓ -1.00/24]
32.Rf2 -1.02/21
[32.Qf5∓ -0.63/21]
32...Re1 33.Qxf7 -1.57/23
[⌓33.Re2 -0.72/21 Rb1 34.Qd3]
33...Qxe4+ 34.Qf3 Qb1 35.Re2 -2.68/20
[35.Rd2∓ -1.60/20]
35...Rg1+-+
[35...Rxe2+ 36.Qxe2 Qxb3 37.h4∓]

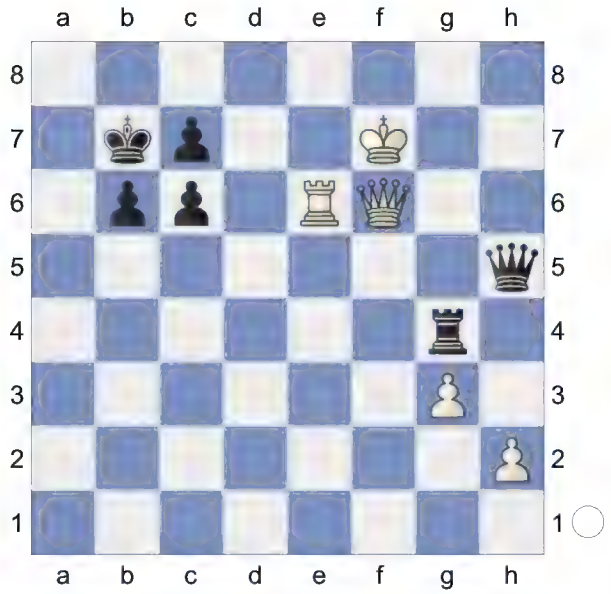


36.Kh3 Rf1 Deflection **37.Qe4** -3.54/16

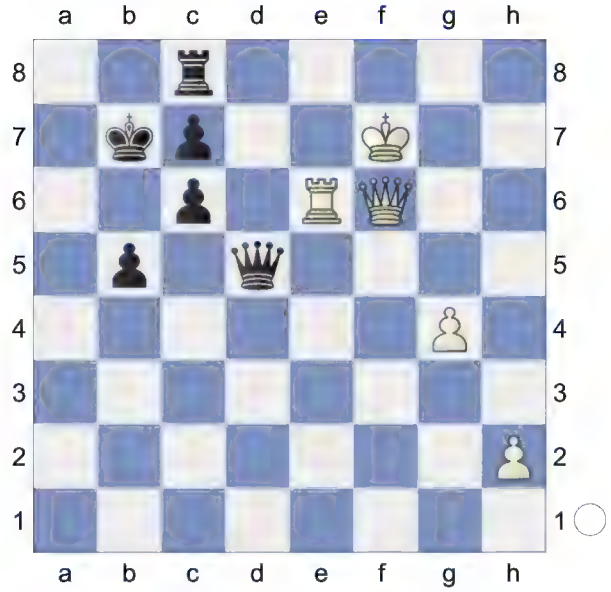
[37.Rf2∓ -1.12/18 Rxf2 38.Qxf2]
37...Qxb3 **38.Kg4** Inhibits Rf4+.
38...Rc1 Repels Qc2 **39.Re3 Qb4**
[39...Qxc4 40.Qxc4 Rxc4+ 41.Kxg5=]
40.Kxg5 Rxc4
[40...Qxc4 41.Qxc4 Rxc4 42.h4=]



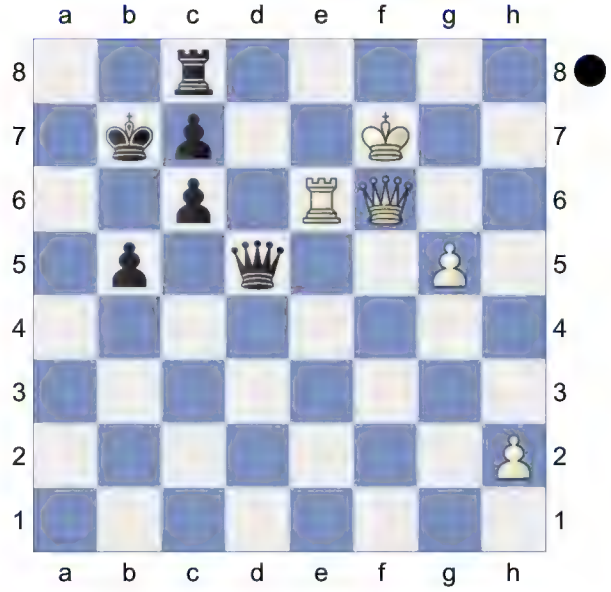
41.Qf3 Qc5+ 42.Kg6 Qd6+ 43.Qf6 Rg4+ 44.Kf7 Qd5+ 45.Re6 Qh5+



46.Ke7 Rg8 47.Qf7
[47.Kd7 Qd5+ *(47...Qxh2? 48.Qh6-+)* 48.Rd6 cxd6 *(48...Qxd6+? 49.Qxd6 cxd6 50.Kxd6-+)*]
47...Qg5+ -7.61/17
[⌓47...Qc5+ -#3/13 48.Kd7 Qd5+ 49.Ke7 Qd8#]
48.Qf6 Qd5 -5.72/16 **49.Kf7 Rc8 50.g4 b5** -2.01/16
[⌓50...Qd7+ -4.26/18 51.Qe7 Qd4]



51.g5 Qd7+? -0.22/20 **52.Re7?** -2.03/22 **Qd5+ 53.Re6**



Qd7+ -0.11/18
[53...c5!∓ -1.33/23 ...Qd7+ would now

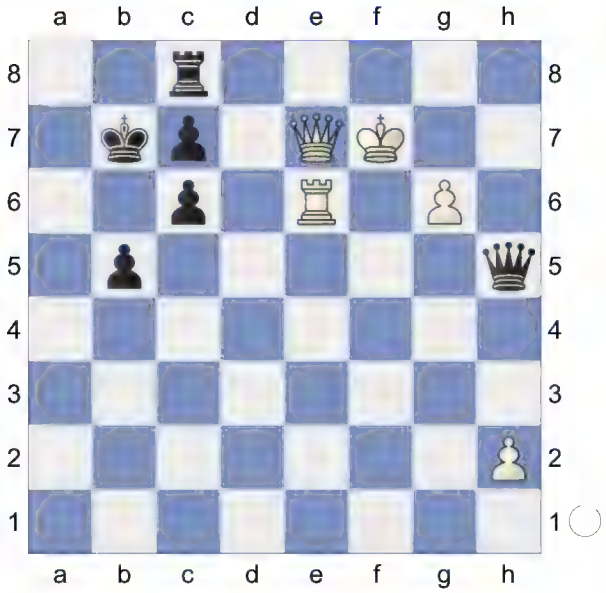
be deadly. 54.g6 Qd7+ *(54...b4)* 55.Qe7 Qd5]

54.Qe7= -0.22/20 **Qd5**

[54...Qd4 55.g6]

55.g6 Qh5 0.95/22

[55...Rd8= 0.00/26]



56.h4 0.00/19

[56.Qf6!± 0.95/22]

56...Qh6? 4.80/21

[56...Qh8!= 0.00/19 and Black has nothing to worry. 57.g7 Qh5+ 58.Rg6 Qf5+ 59.Qf6 Qd7+ 60.Qe7 Qf5+]

57.Qg5?? -#1/14

[57.Qc5+- 4.80/21 Qf4+ 58.Kg7]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.60

57...Qf8#

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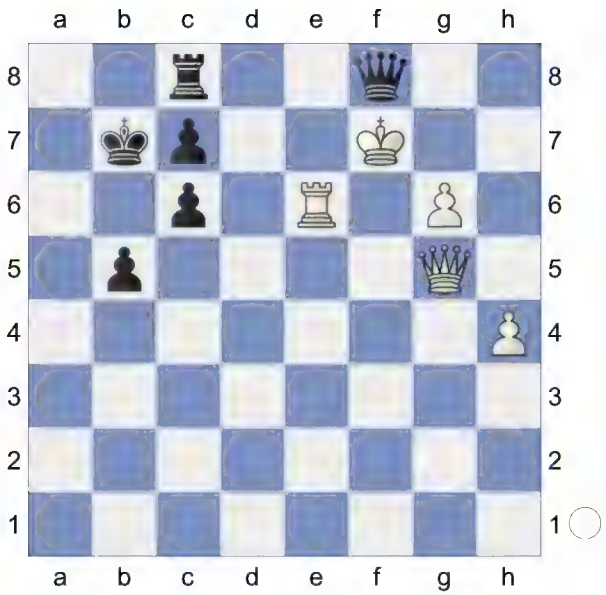

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74 **C70**

□ **Ter Sahakyan,S** **2649**

■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2567**

Chessable Masters Play-In (6) 31.01.24

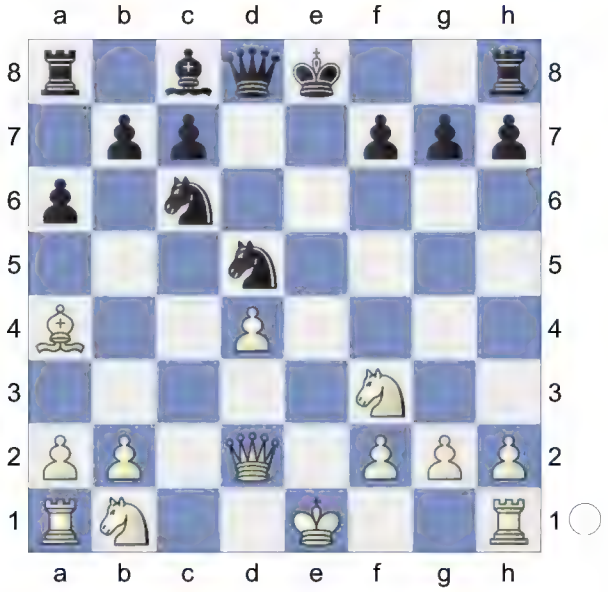
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

(Diagram)

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5**



11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nc3 Nf6N

[13...Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Be6 15.Ne5 Bd5 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qxc6 Qxd4 18.b3 a5 19.Rac1 a4 20.Rc4 Qb6 21.Qxb6 cxb6 22.bxa4 Rfd8 23.g3 Rd2 24.Rb1 Rxa2 25.Rxb6 g6 26.Rbb4 h5 27.h4 Kg7 28.Kg2 ½-½ (45) Pedersen,P (2620)-Sikorova, J (2578) Alekhine exhibition 1926 (10) Ra7 29.Rf4 Ra3 30.Rbc4 Ra2 31.Kf3 Ra3+ 32.Ke2 Rb7 33.Rb4 Rc7 34.Kd2 Ra1 35.Rbc4 Rb7 36.Kc3 Ra7 37.Kb2 Re1 38.Rc5 Re2+ 39.Kb3 Re1 40.Rc2 Rb7+ 41.Ka2 Ra7 42.Rb2 Rd1 43.Rc2 ½-½ (45) Nihal,S (2620)-Gukesh,D (2578) Baer Polgar Challenge rapid 2021 (10)]

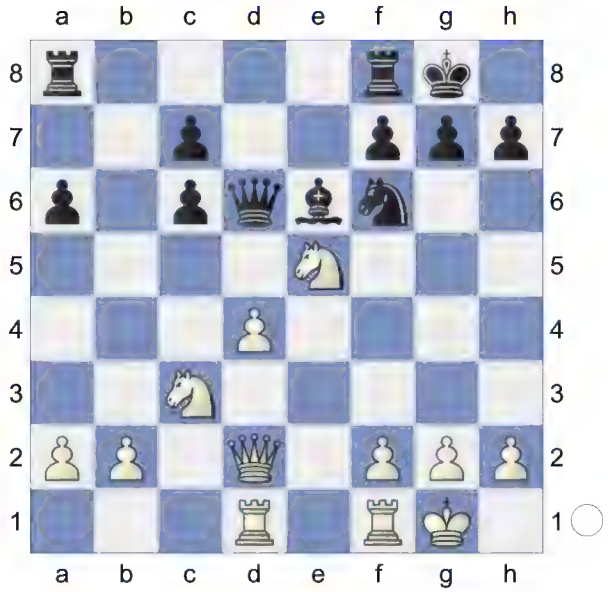
14.Ne5 Qd6 0.84/21

[14...c5± 0.37/20 deserves consideration.]

15.Rad1 0.40/25

[15.Na4± 0.84/21]

15...Be6

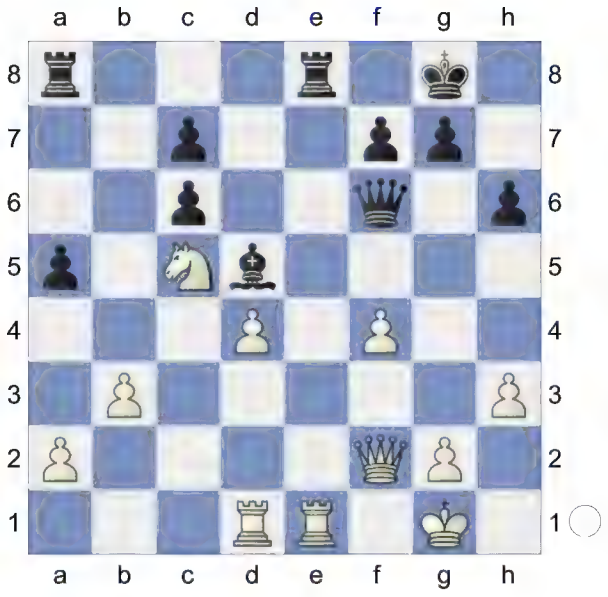


16.b3 Rfd8 17.Na4 Bd5 18.Nc5 Ne4 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Rfe1 Bd5

(Diagram)

21.Nd3 a5 22.Nc5 Qg6 Wards off f3 **23.f4 h6 24.Qf2 Re8 25.h3 Qf6** 0.67/24

[25...Qd6= 0.04/26]



26.Re5± Rxe5 27.fxe5 0.27/24

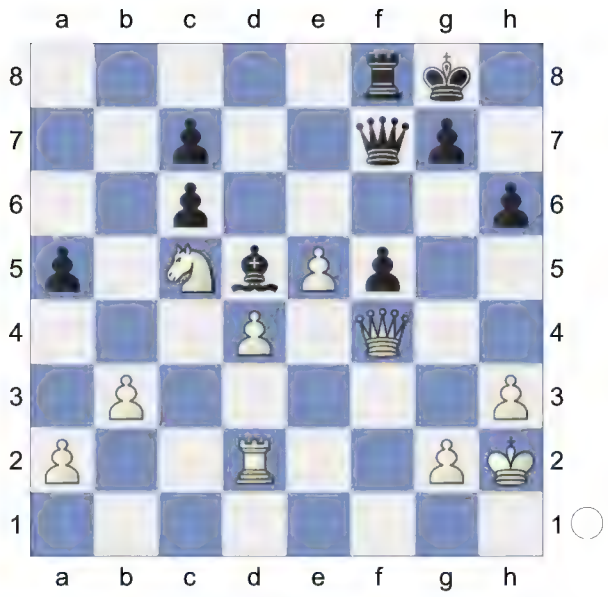
[27.dxe5± 0.69/24 Qf5 28.g4]

27...Qg6 0.64/24

[27...Qxf2+= 0.27/24 28.Kxf2 h5]

28.Kh2 f5 29.Rd2 Rf8 30.Qf4 Qf7

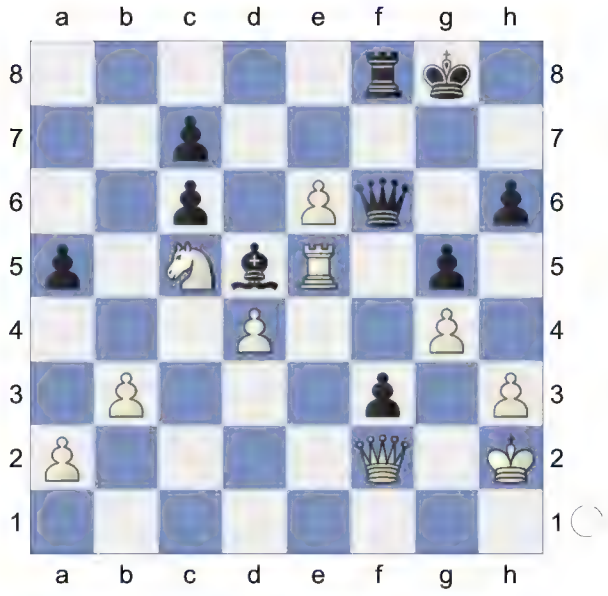
(Diagram)



31.Re2 0.36/21

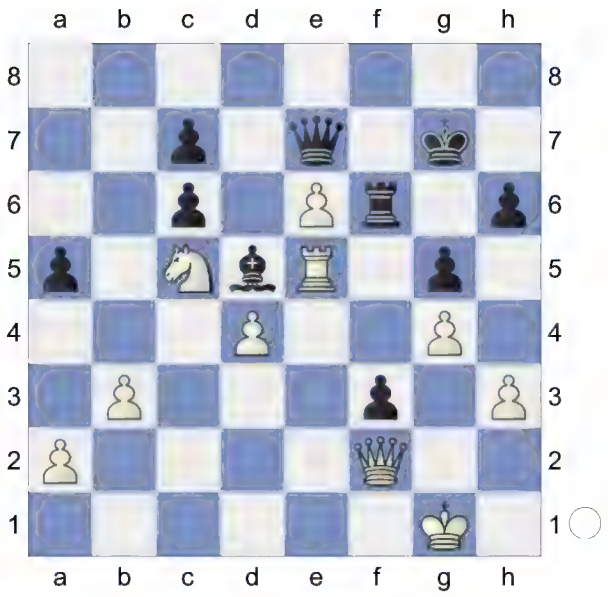
[31.Rf2± 0.72/24]

31...g5 32.Qf2 f4 33.e6 Qe7 34.Re5 f3 35.g4 Qf6

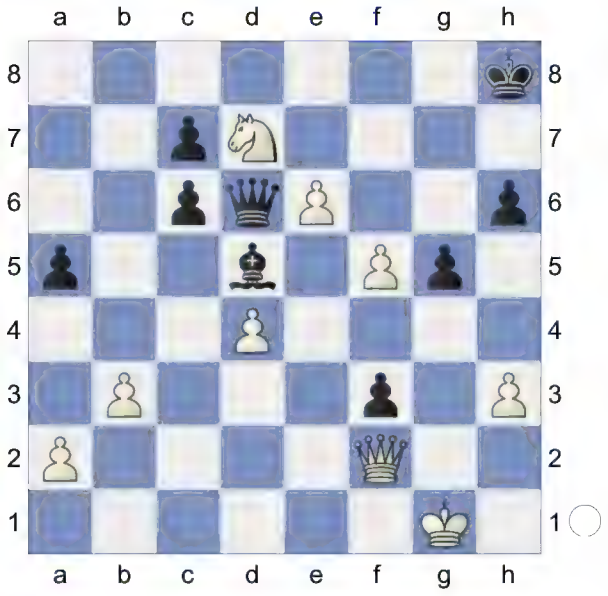


36.Rf5 Qe7 and ...Rxf5 should not be overlooked **37.Re5 Rf4 38.Nd3 Rf6 39.Nc5 Kh8 40.Kg1 Kg7**

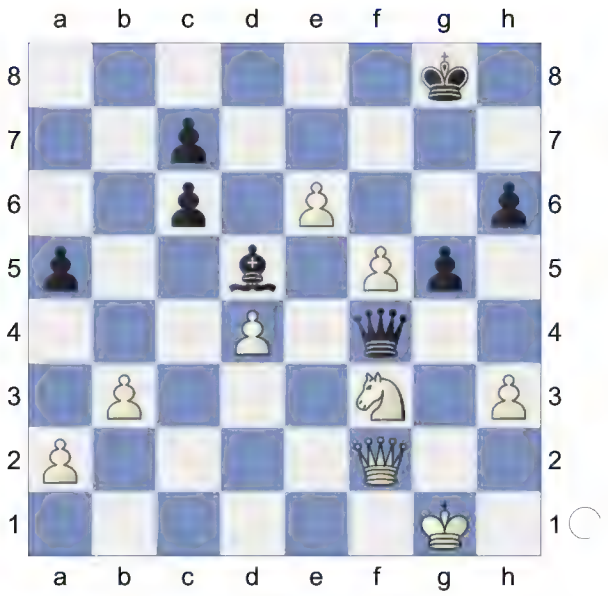
(Diagram)



41.Rf5? -3.42/17
[41.Kf1!± 0.81/18 and life is bright.]
41...Rxf5!-+ 42.gxf5 Endgame KQB-KQN **42...Qd6** 0.00/21 Prevents Qg3.
[42...Qf6 43.Na6 Qxf5 44.e7∓]
[42...Qf8-+ -3.42/21 43.Qg3 Qxf5 44.Qxc7+ Kg6 45.Qf7+ Qxf7 46.exf7 Kxf7]
43.Nd7= Kh8? 1.71/22
[43...Qf4= 0.00/21 44.f6+ Kg6]



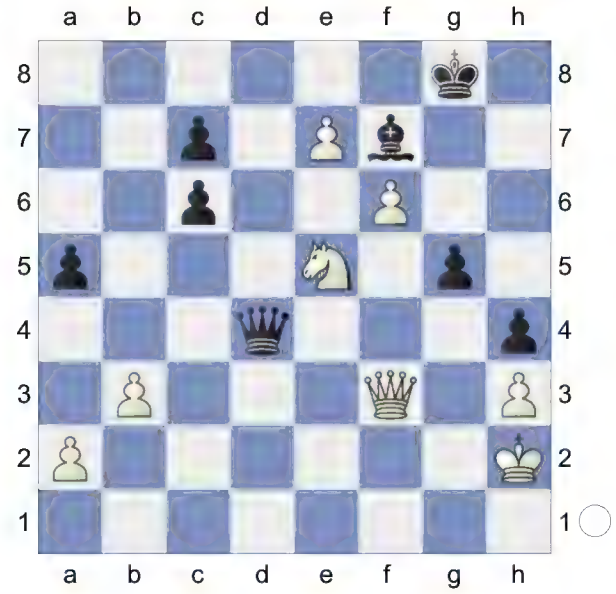
44.Ne5 0.25/19
[44.Qe1 Be4 45.d5 *(45.Qxe4 Qg3+ 46.Kf1 Qg2+ 47.Ke1 f2+* Discovered Attack *48.Kd2 Qxe4 49.e7 f1Q 50.e8Q+ Qxe8 51.Ne5 Qf2+ 52.Kd3 c5 53.Ng6+ Kg8 54.Ne5 cxd4 55.Kc4 Qxe5 56.Kd3 Qfe2#)* 45...cxd5-+ *(45...Qxd5 46.Qa1+ Kg8 47.Nf6+ Kf8 48.Nxd5 Bxd5 49.Qf6+ Kg8 50.Qg6+ Kh8 51.f6 f2+ 52.Kxf2 Bxe6 53.Qg7#)*]
[44.Qh2!+- 1.71/22 Qxh2+ 45.Kxh2]
44...Kg8? 1.77/19
[44...Kg7= 0.25/19 and Black has nothing to worry.]
45.Nxf3? 0.18/19
[45.Qe1+- 1.77/19]
45...Qf4 1.79/21
[45...Bxf3= 0.18/19 46.Qxf3 Qxd4+ 47.Kf1 Qd6]



46.Ne5? 0.00/18
[46.Nd2+- 1.79/21]
46...Qe4 47.Kh2 Threatens to win with e7. Chess con chili. Active counter play!
47...h5? 10.78/23
[47...Qh1+= 0.00/18 48.Kg3 Qe4]
48.e7+- Bf7 49.f6 h4 50.Qf3 8.61/19
[⌓50.e8Q+ 21.88/29 Bxe8 51.f7+ Bxf7 52.Qxf7+ Kh8 53.Ng6+

(53.Qxc7 Qe2+ 54.Kg1 Qe1+ 55.Kg2 Qe2+ 56.Kg1 Qe1+ 57.Kg2 Qe2+ 58.Kg1=) 53...Qxg6 54.Qxg6 c5 55.dxc5]

50...Qxd4



51.Nxf7 11.03/19

[Stronger than 51.Nxc6 Qd2+ 52.Kg1 Qc1+ 53.Kf2 Qd2+ 54.Kg1 Qc1+ 55.Kg2 Qb2+ 56.Kh1 Qc1+ 57.Kg2 Qd2+ 58.Kf1 Qc1+ 59.Ke2 Qc2+ 60.Ke1 Qc1+ 61.Kf2 Qd2+ 62.Kf1 Qc1+ 63.Kf2=]

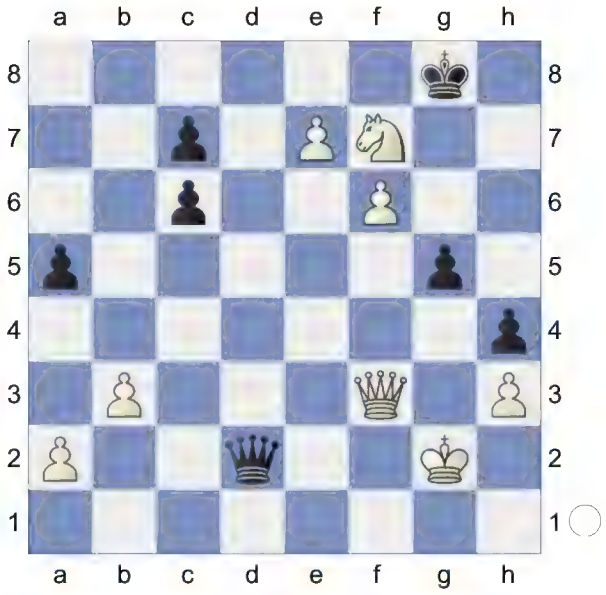
[⌓51.e8Q+ #5/17 Bxe8 52.f7+ *(52.Nxc6? Qd6+-+)* 52...Kf8 53.fxe8Q+ Back Rank *(53.fxe8R+ Kxe8 54.Qf7+ Kd8 55.Qf8#; 53.Ng6+ Kg7 54.f8Q+ Kxg6 55.Q3f5+ Kh5 56.Qh7#)* 53...Kxe8 54.Qf7+ Kd8 55.Qf8#]

51...Qd2+ 52.Kh1? 0.22/24

[Better is 52.Qg2+- 12.87/23 Qf4+ 53.Kh1 Qc1+ 54.Qg1 Qxg1+ 55.Kxg1 Kxf7 56.Kh2]

52...Qe1+!= 53.Kg2 Threatening mate with Nh6+. **53...Qd2+?** 7.98/23

[53...Kxf7= 0.00/23 54.Qh5+ *(54.Qxc6 Qe2+ 55.Kg1 Qe1+ 56.Kg2 Qe2+ 57.Kg1 Qe1+ 58.Kg2=)* 54...Kxf6 55.e8N+ *(55.e8R Qg3+ 56.Kf1 Qxh3+ 57.Ke2 Qh2+ 58.Kd1 Qd6+ 59.Ke2 Qh2+ 60.Ke1 Qg3+ 61.Kd2 Qd6+ 62.Kc2 Qc5+ 63.Kd3 Qd6+ 64.Ke3 Qf4+ 65.Kd3 Qd6+ 66.Kc2 Qc5+ 67.Kd3 Qd6+=)* 55...Ke7]



54.Kf1? 0.34/20

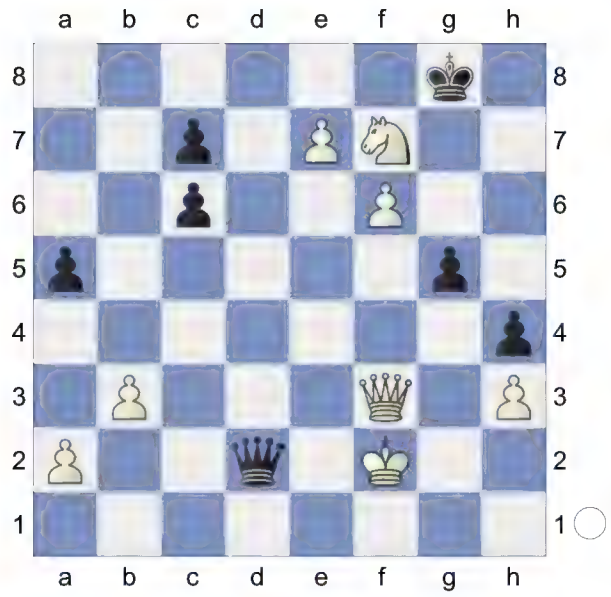
[54.Kg1!+- 7.98/23 Qd4+ 55.Kf1 *(55.Kh1 Qa1+ 56.Kg2 Qxa2+ 57.Kf1 Qb1+ 58.Ke2 Qc2+ 59.Ke3 Kxf7+-)* 55...Qa1+ 56.Ke2 Qxa2+ 57.Kd3 Qb1+ 58.Kc3 Qc1+ 59.Kd3 *(59.Kd4 Kxf7 60.Qh5+ Kxf6+-)* 59...Qb1+]

54...Qc1+? 9.82/22

[54...Kxf7± 0.34/20 55.Qh5+ *(55.Qxc6 Qe3±)* 55...Kxf6]

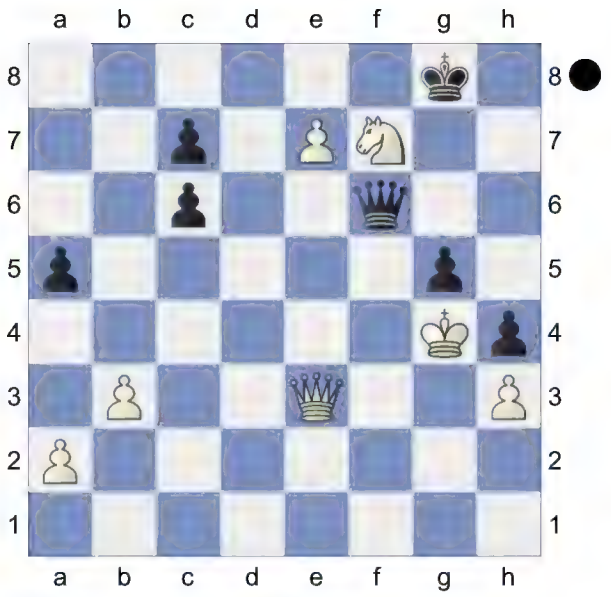
55.Kf2+- Qd2+

(Diagram)



56.Qe2 Qd4+ 57.Qe3 13.94/22
[⌓57.Kg2 #7/17 Qd5+ 58.Kh2 Qxf7 59.e8Q+ *(59.e8B Qxf6 60.Kg2 c5+-)* 59...Qxe8 60.Qxe8+ Kh7 61.Qf7+ *(61.Qxc6 Kg6 62.Qe6 g4 63.hxg4 c5 64.f7+ Kg7 65.Qe8 Kg6 66.f8Q+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kh7 67.Qh8#; 61.f7 g4 62.Qg8+ Kh6 63.f8Q+ Kh5 64.hxg4#)* 61...Kh6 62.Qg7+ Kh5 63.Qh7#]
57...Qxf6+ 58.Kg2 Qb2+ 59.Kf3 Qf6+
Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.91
60.Kg4

(Diagram)



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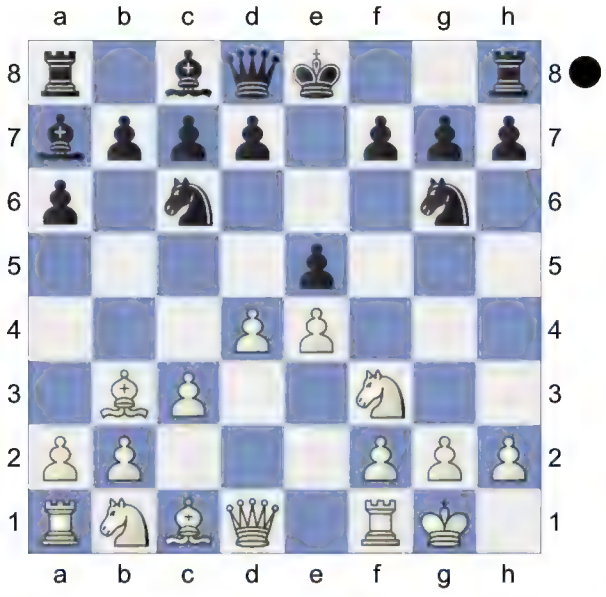
75 **C70**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2734**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2567**
Titled Tue 2nd Jan Late blitz (7) 02.01.24
[Kitty Kat]

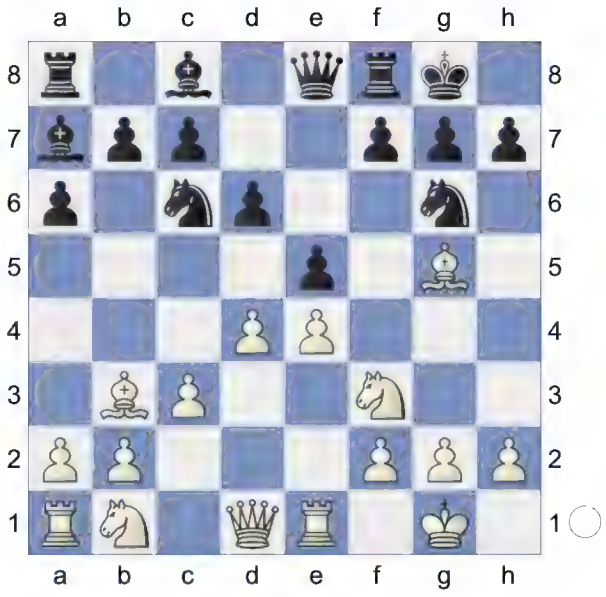
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

(Diagram)

6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bb3



Ng5 would now be deadly. **8...0-0**
White is slightly better. **9.Bg5 Qe8**
10.Re1N
[10.h4 exd4 *(10...h6 11.h5 Nge7 12.Be3 d6 13.Nh4 Kh7 14.Re1 g5 15.Nf3 Kg7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Bxa7 Rxa7 18.Nh2 Na5 19.Nd2 Nxb3 20.axb3 Be6 21.b4 Ra8 22.Qe2 Qb5 23.Ndf1 Qxe2 24.Rxe2 Rfd8 25.Ne3* ½-½ Lezama,A (2461)-Vajda, L (2454) (zt) 79/89 Budapest 2000 (9) *)* 11.cxd4 Qxe4 12.h5 Nf4 13.Bc2 Ne2+ 14.Kh1 Qg4 15.Qxe2 Qxh5+ 16.Kg1 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxg5 18.Qd3 g6 19.Nc3 Qd8 20.Nf3 c6 21.Qd6 Bb8 22.Qd4 d5 23.Rad1 Ba7 24.Qf4 Kg7 1-0 (57) Milikow,E (2424)-Von Mettenheim,J (2327) EU-chT U18 Iasi 2023 (6.4) 25.Rfe1 Qf6 26.Qg3 Be6 27.Ne2 Bb8 28.Qg5 Bd6 29.Ned4 Bd7 30.Re2 Rad8 31.Rde1 c5 32.Nb3 Qxg5 33.Nxg5 Bb5 34.Re3 Bf4 35.Ne6+ fxe6 36.Rxe6 Bd6 37.Na5 Rf7 38.a4 Bc6 39.b3 Rf6 1-0 (57) Novikov,S (2424)-8.f4 ♗d7 9. ♘f3 (2327) Latvia corr 1989 (6.4)]
[10.d5 Nce7 11.d6 cxd6 12.Qxd6 Bb8 13.Qb6 d6 14.Nbd2 h6 15.Be3 Nc6 16.Nc4 Qe7 17.Na5 Ba7 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Qxc6 Bd7 20.Qd5 Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.e5 dxe5 23.Qxe5 Qxe5 24.Nxe5 Be6 1-0 (70) Nagare,K (2352)-Nugumanov, B (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (1)]
10...d6



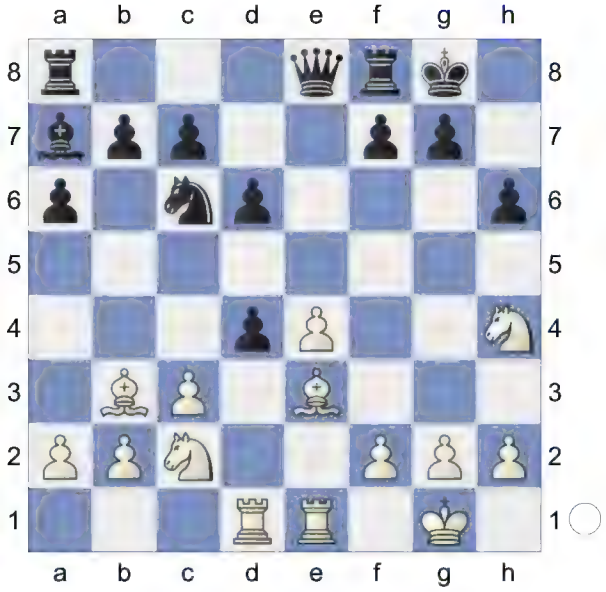
11.Na3 -0.90/24
[11.h3!= 0.21/19]
11...Bg4 12.Nc2 h6

[12...exd4 seems wilder. 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 dxc3 15.Qxc3 Qe5]

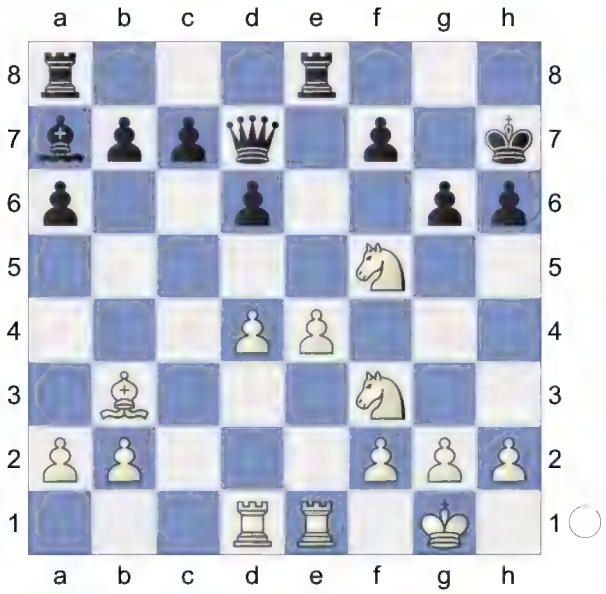
13.Be3 -1.43/19

[⌓13.Bd2 -0.75/21]

13...Nh4∓ 14.Nxh4? -2.97/17 **Bxd1-+ 15.Raxd1 exd4**



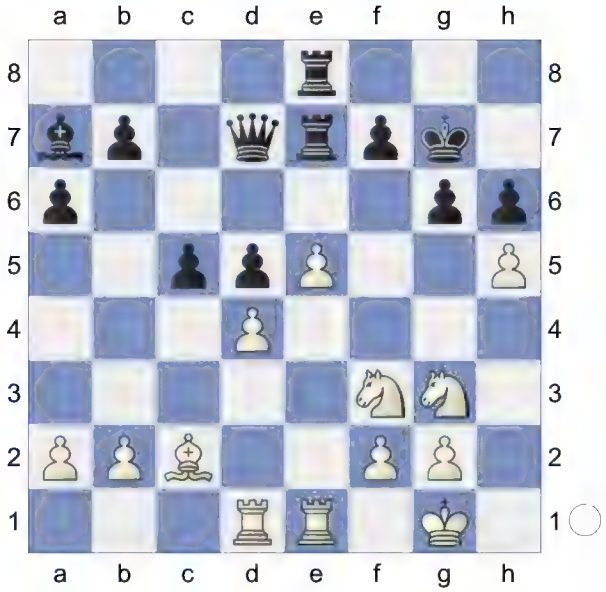
16.Bxd4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Qd7 18.Ne3 Rfe8 19.Nef5 Kh7 20.Nf3 g6



21.Ng3 Re7 22.h4 Rae8 23.e5 d5

Against Ne4 **24.h5 Kg7 25.Bc2 c5** -1.04/20

[Black should play 25...Qb5-+ -1.94/17 26.b3 Rf8]



26.dxc5 -1.90/18

[26.hxg6∓ -1.04/20 fxg6 27.b4]

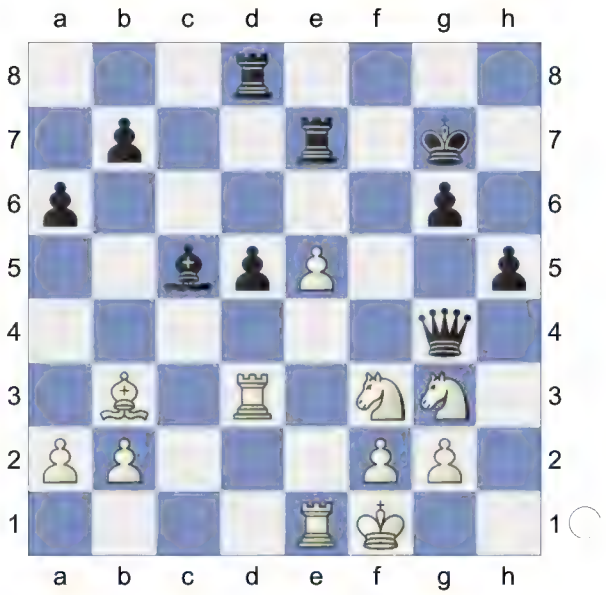
26...Bxc5 27.Bb3 Rd8 28.hxg6 -2.29/21

[⌓28.Rxd5 -1.76/18 Qc8 29.Rxd8 Qxd8 30.Ne4]

28...fxg6 29.Rd3 -2.67/17

[29.Ne4 -1.98/19 was necessary. Qc6 *(29...dxe4 30.Rxd7 Rexd7 31.Rxe4∓)* 30.Nxc5 Qxc5 31.Rd4]

29...Qg4 30.Kf1 h5



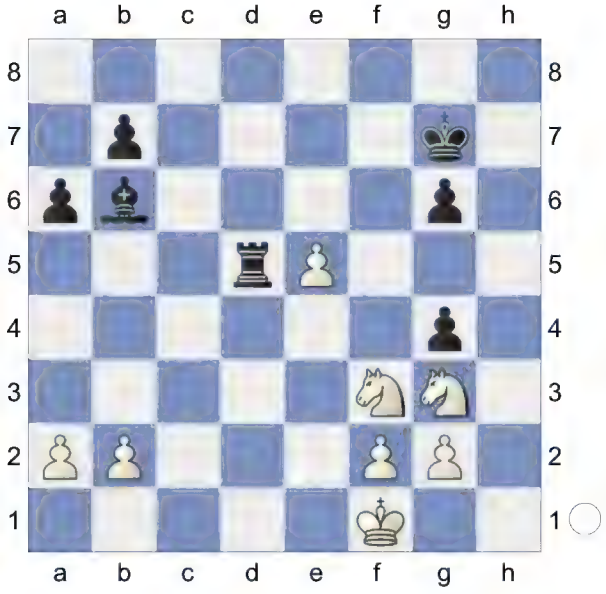
31.Rc1 Bb6

[But not 31...h4 32.Rxc5 hxg3 33.Rd4-+]

32.Bxd5 Red7 33.Rc4 Rxd5

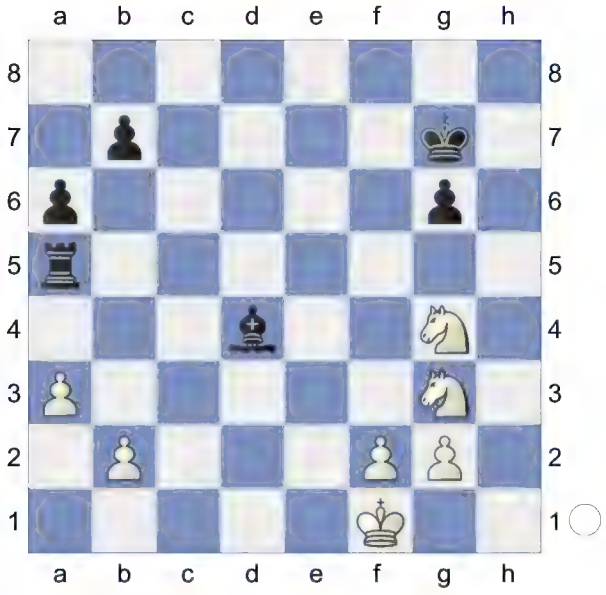
[33...Qxc4 34.Bxc4 Rxd3 35.Bxd3 Rxd3 36.Ke2∓]

34.Rxg4 hxg4 35.Rxd5 Rxd5



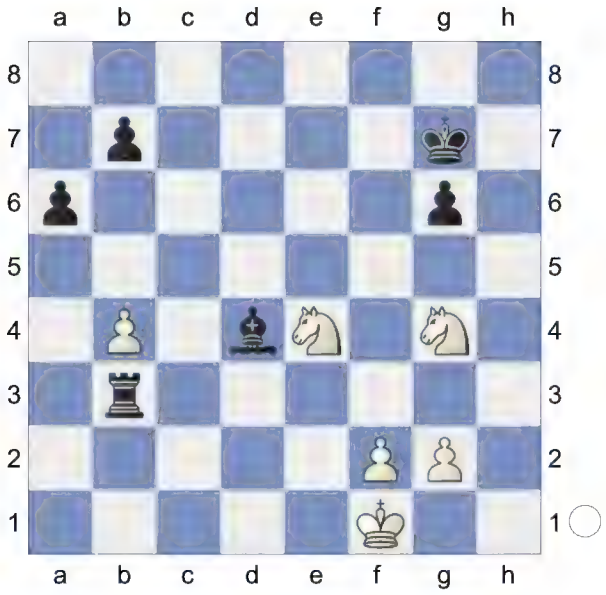
Endgame KRB-KNN **36.Nh2** Black is clearly winning. **36...Rxe5**

37.Nxg4 Ra5 38.a3 Bd4

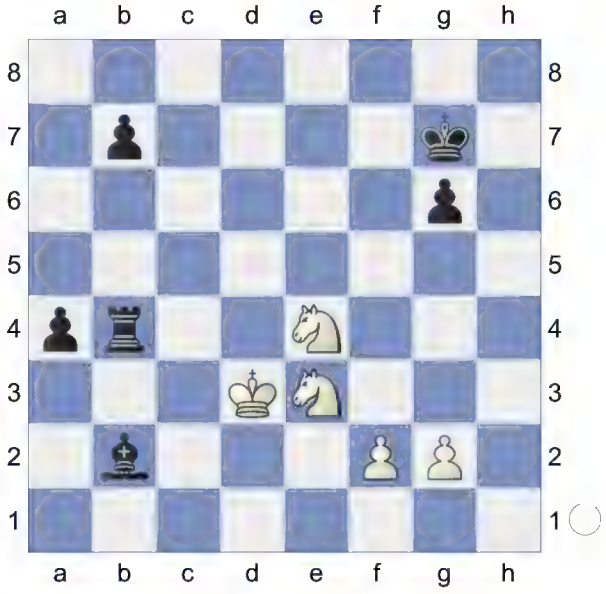


Deflection **39.b4 Rxa3 40.Ne4 Rb3**

(Diagram)



41.Ke2 Rxb4 42.Kd3 a5 Strongly threatening ...a4. **43.Ng5 Bf6 44.Ne4 Bb2 45.Ne3 a4**

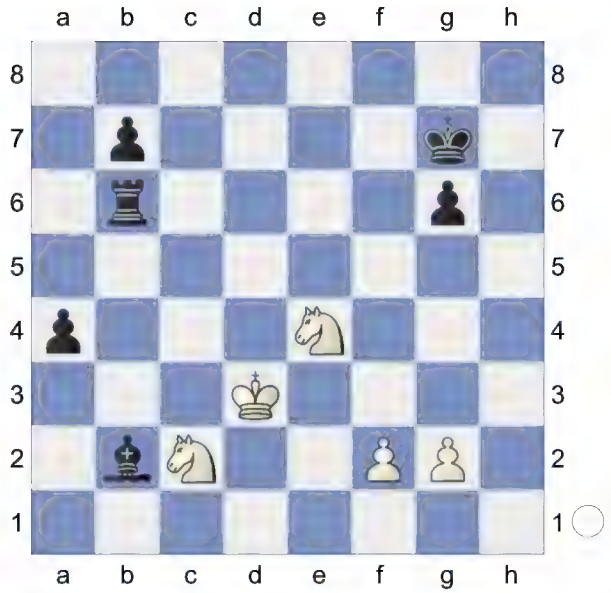


46.Nc2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.14 (very precise)

46...Rb6

(Diagram)



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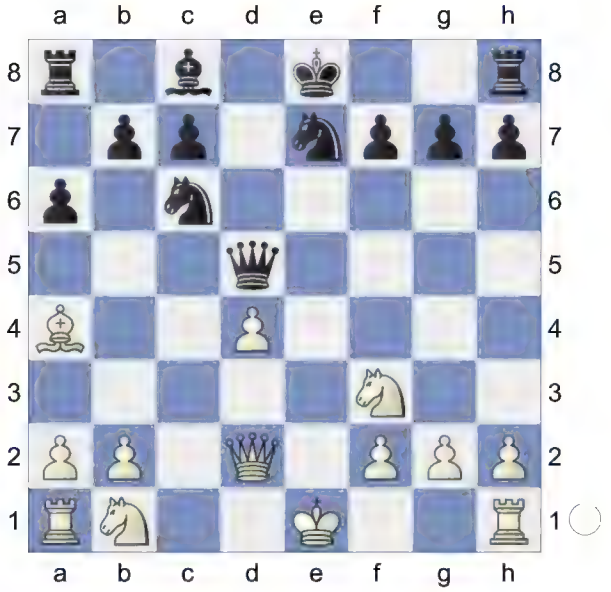
76 **C70**
□ **Safarli,Eltaj** **2596**
■ **Ghosh,Diptayan** **2566**
Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid (1)
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**

(Diagram)

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Qxd5**



11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Qe3 0-0 13.0-0 Qd6 14.Rad1 Nb4

[14...Be6 15.Ng5 Nd5 16.Qd3 g6 17.Nce4 Qe7 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Bb3 Nce7 20.Rfe1 Rad8 21.h4 h5 22.Ng5 Qf6 23.Qg3 c6 24.Ne4 Qg7 25.Nc5 Nf5 26.Qg5 b6 27.Ne4 Kh8 28.Bxd5 Rxd5 29.Nf6 1-0 (103) Safarli,E (2609)-Deac,B (2696) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan

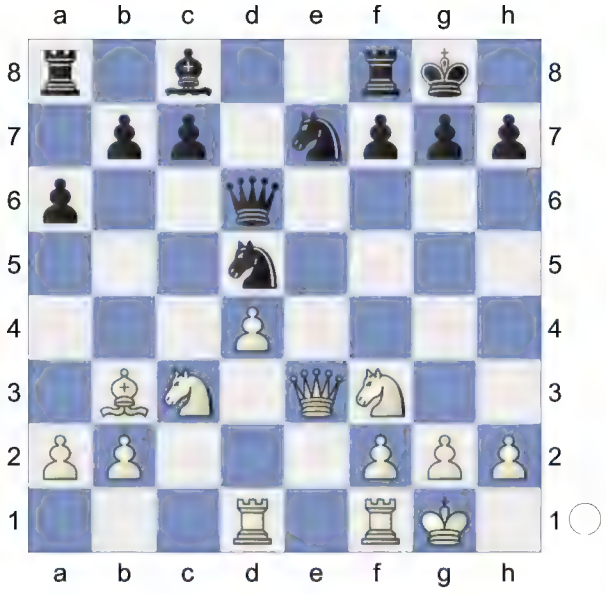
Early blitz 2025 (10)]

15.Bb3N 0.13/20 An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 15.Ne5 Nbd5 16.Qf3 c6 *(16...Nxc3 17.bxc3 c6 18.c4 Ng6 19.Rfe1 Qb4 20.Bb3 Nxe5 21.Rxe5 Be6 22.Qe2 b5 23.d5 bxc4 24.dxe6 cxb3 25.e7 Rfe8 26.axb3 Qxb3* Line 2 5.c3 Nge7 6.d4-11.Nc3 2022*)* 17.Bb3 h6 18.Rfe1 Be6 0.93/19 *(18...Bf5± 0.50/17)* 19.Ne4± Qc7 20.Nc5 Bc8 21.h3 0-1 Najer,E (2648)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2707) World-chT Rapid 2023 (5.9)]

[15.Ne4± 0.53/23 Qd8 16.Bb3 *(16.Qd2 Nbd5 17.Ne5 Bf5* (18) 5) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-5 | 6. d4: 8.Ld2 mit 9.Dxd2 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch *)*]

15...Nbd5=



16.Qg5

[16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Qe5 Qxe5 18.dxe5 Nf4 19.g3]

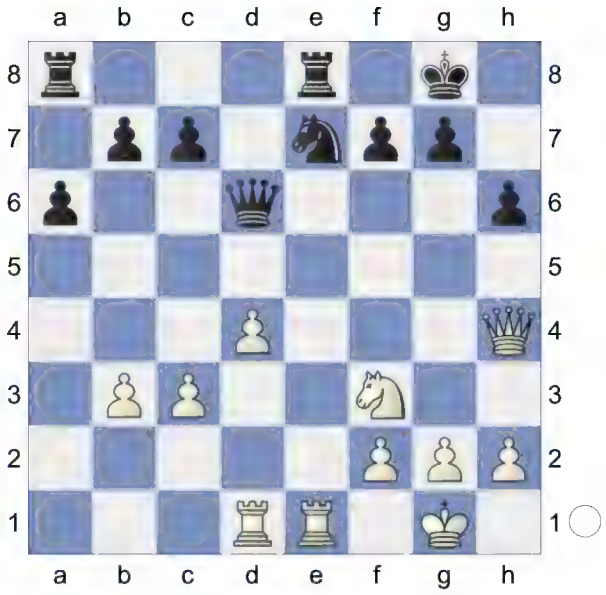
16...h6 17.Qh4 Be6 18.Rfe1

[18.Ne4!? Qd8 19.Nc5±]

18...Nxc3

[18...Nf5!? 19.Qe4□ Nf6∓]

19.bxc3 Bxb3 20.axb3 Rfe8

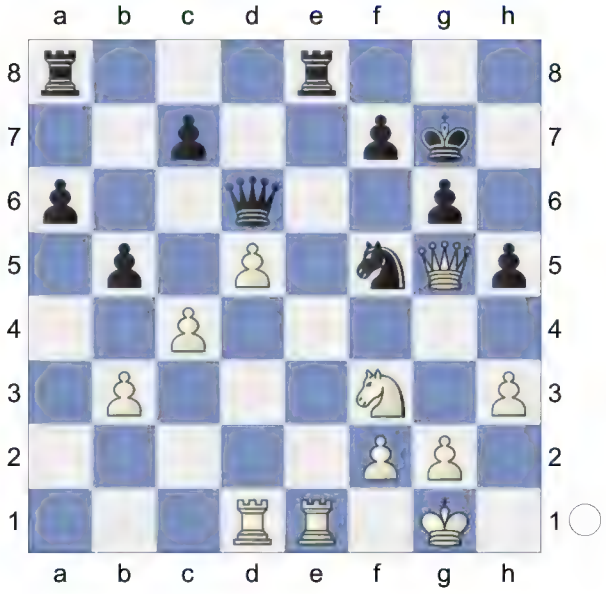


21.c4 Dodges Nd5 **21...Nf5 22.Qg4 g6 23.d5 h5 24.Qg5 Kg7 25.h3**

[25.Qd2 simplifies Qf6 26.Rxe8 Rxe8 27.c5]

25...b5 1.08/19

[25...Qf6= 0.03/18 keeps the balance.]



26.Qc1 0.16/20

[26.g4!± 1.08/19 hxg4 27.hxg4]

26...bxc4 and ...Rxe1+ would now be decisive **27.bxc4 Qf6** 0.59/21

[Black should play 27...Rxe1+=

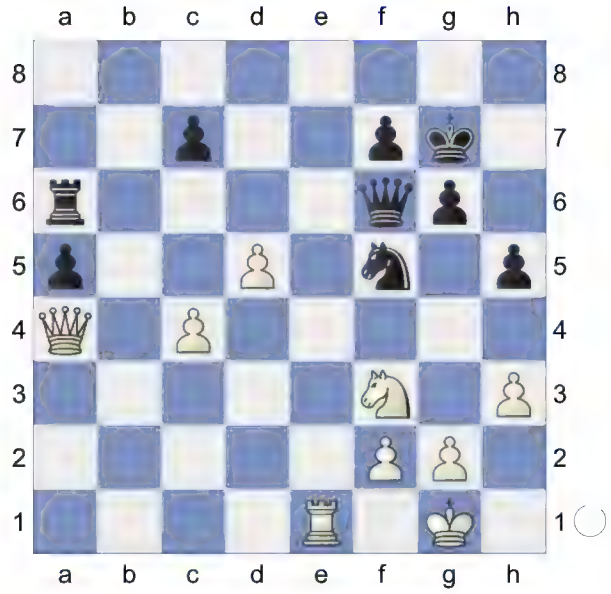
0.08/21 28.Rxe1 Qb4]

28.Qa3 0.00/25

[28.Rxe8!± 0.59/21 Rxe8 29.c5]

28...Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 a5 30.Qa4 Ra6 0.40/21

[30...Qc3= -0.01/18]



31.Re8 -0.02/23

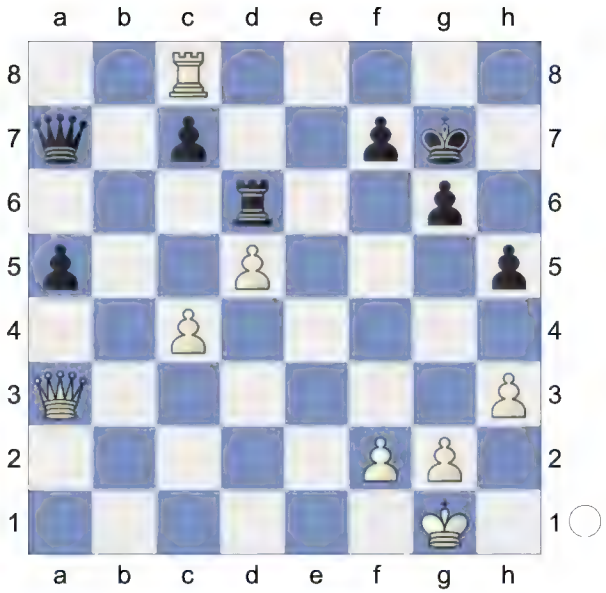
[31.Ne5!± 0.40/21 is superior.]

31...Nd4 32.Nxd4 Qxd4 Endgame KQR-KQR **33.Qa3 Rd6 34.Rc8 Qa7?** 2.50/23

[34...Qxc4? perishes. 35.Qxd6 *(35.Qxa5 Qc1+ 36.Kh2 Qf4+ 37.Kg1 Qc1+ 38.Kh2 Qf4+ 39.Kg1 Qc1+=)* 35...Qc1+ 36.Kh2 cxd6 37.Rxc1+-]

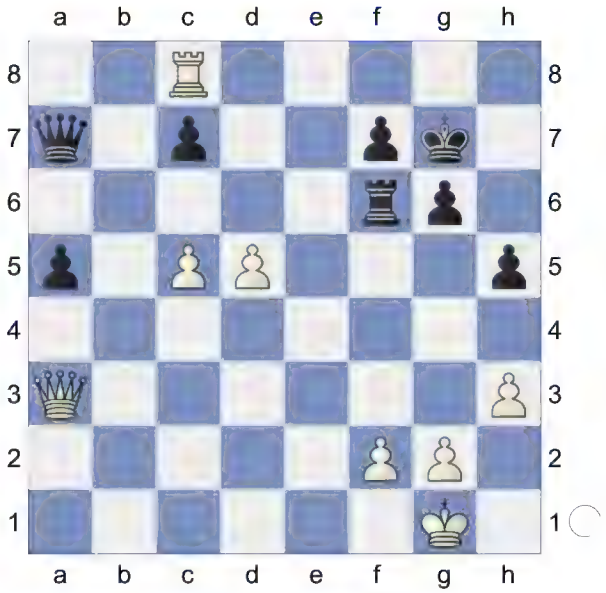
[34...h4= 0.00/23 and Black stays safe.]

(Diagram)



35.c5+- Black cannot hold the game after this. **35...Rf6** 6.24/20

[35...Rxd5± 0.90/19 36.Qc3+ f6]



36.Qe3 Rf5 37.Qe8 Wards off Qb7

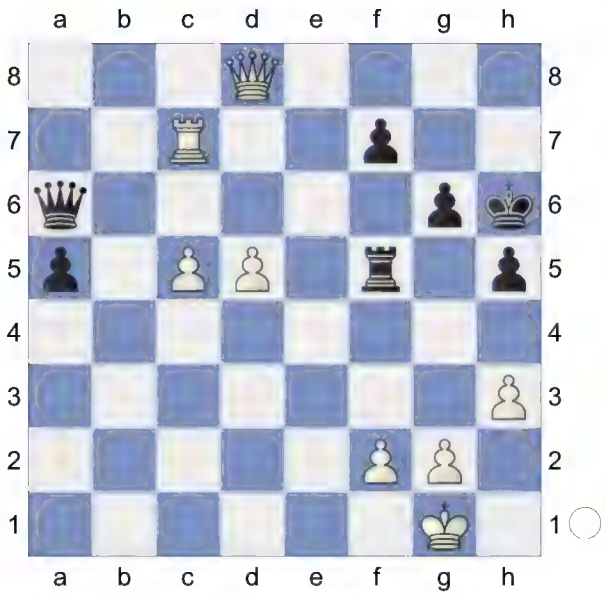
37...Kh6 38.Qh8+ 10.38/5

[⌓38.h4 #3/15 g5 39.Qh8+ Kg6 40.Rg8#]

38...Kg5 39.Qd8+ Kh6 40.Rxc7 9.15/20

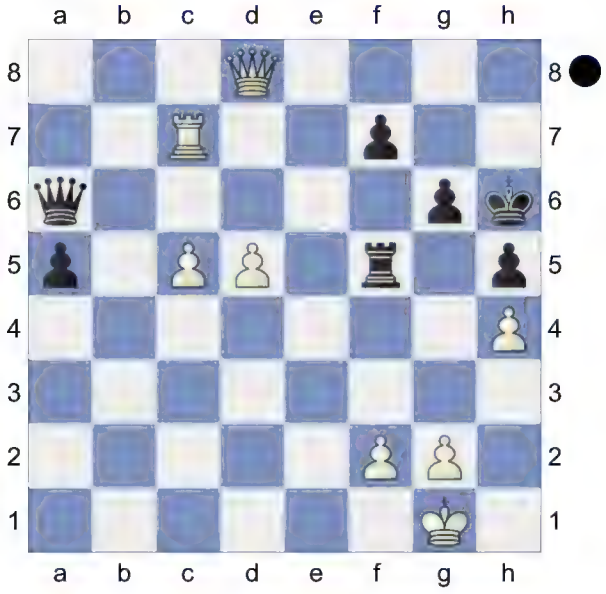
[⌓40.h4 #3/15 g5 41.Qh8+ Kg6 42.Rg8#]

40...Qa6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.59

41.h4



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77 **C70**

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**

■ **Nikolov,Nikolay Petrov** **2561**

World Rapid 2023 (1.1) 26.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.Nc3

[5.c3 Nf6 6.d4 *(6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nf1 h6 11.Bh4 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4 Bb6 14.bxa5 Bxa5 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.Ne3 Kh8 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.0-0 c6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 Rxb5* 1-0 (42) 13... ♖h7 and 17... ♖f7 189 (1831)-Ezat,A (1380) 145/(126) Douglas 2019 (2)) 6...Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]

5...d6N 0.36/20

[5...Ba7= 0.00/18]

[5...Nf6 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Bg5 c5 11.Qxc5 d6 12.Qd4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.0-0-0 Bb7 15.f3 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 a5 19.Rhd1 a4 20.Nd5 1-0 (51) Kunze,J-Wolf,S Sachsen-ch U10 2004 (7)]

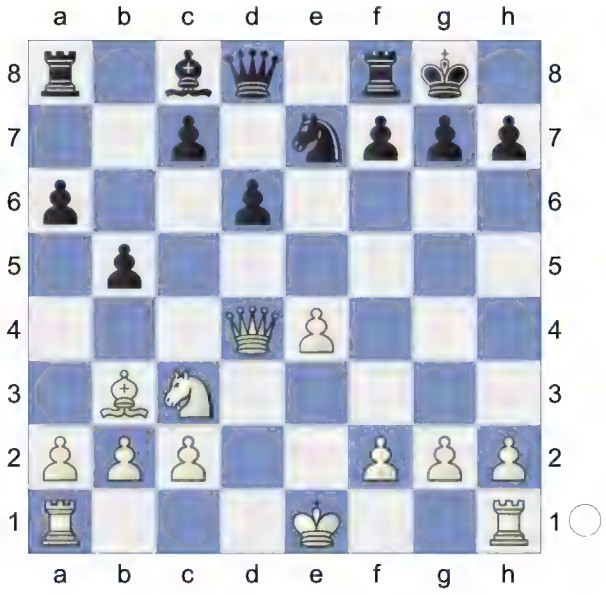
(Diagram)

6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Nge7 8.Be3

b5 9.Bb3! Bxd4 10.Bxd4 Nxd4

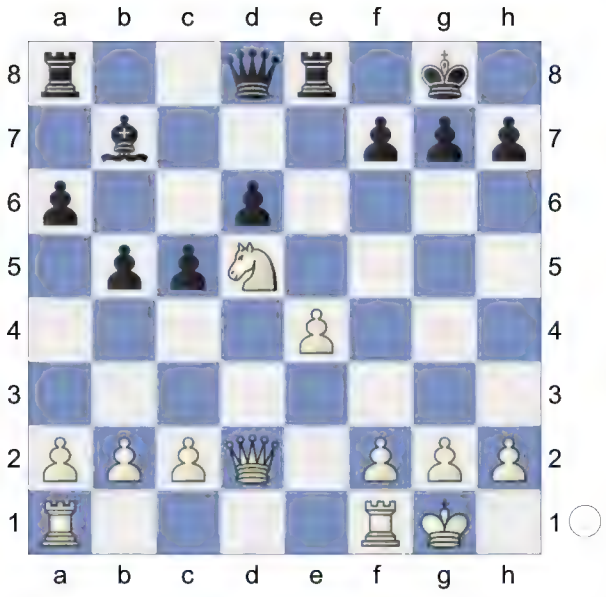
(Diagram)

11.Qxd4 0-0



12.Qd2 Bb7 0.19/21
[12...c5 -0.27/20 deserves consideration. 13.a3 Qc7]
13.0-0= The position is equal. **13...c5**
14.Bd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Re8

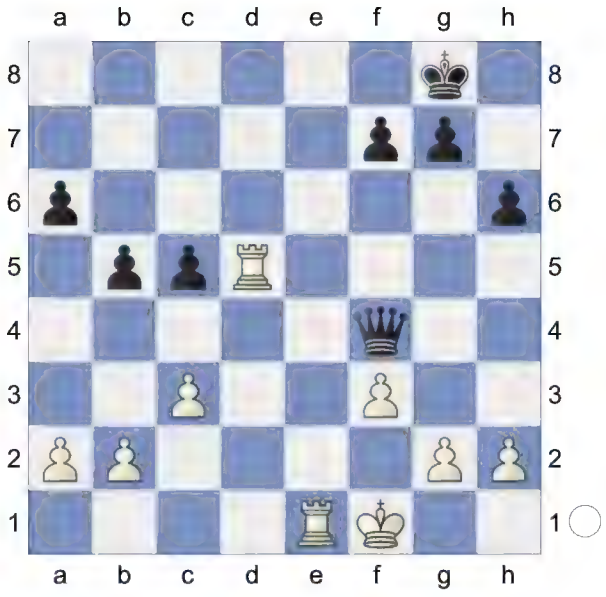
(Diagram)



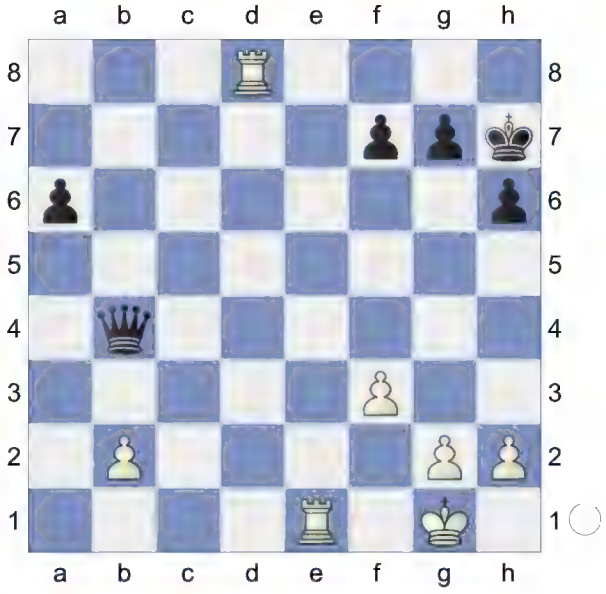
16.f3 Bxd5 17.Qxd5 Qb6 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.Rfe1 h6 20.Kf1 Re5

21.Qd2 d5 22.exd5 Rexd5 23.Qxd5 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Endgame KQ-KRR **24...Qf6 25.c3 Qf4**

(Diagram)

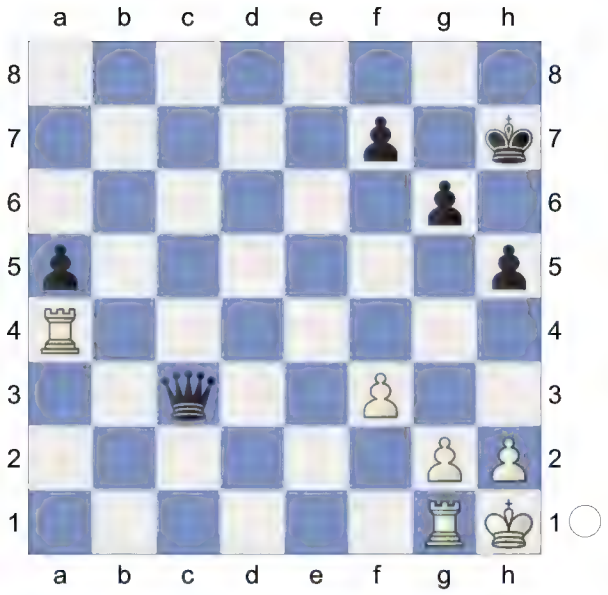


...Qc4+ is the strong threat. **26.Kg1 Qc4 27.Rd8+ Kh7 28.a3 b4 29.axb4 cxb4 30.cxb4 Qxb4**

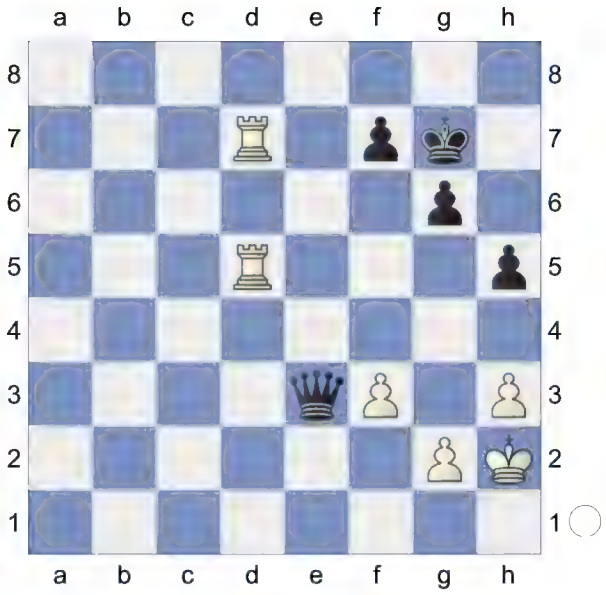


31.Rdd1 Qxb2 32.Ra1 Qc3 33.Kh1 h5 34.Rg1 a5 35.Ra4 g6

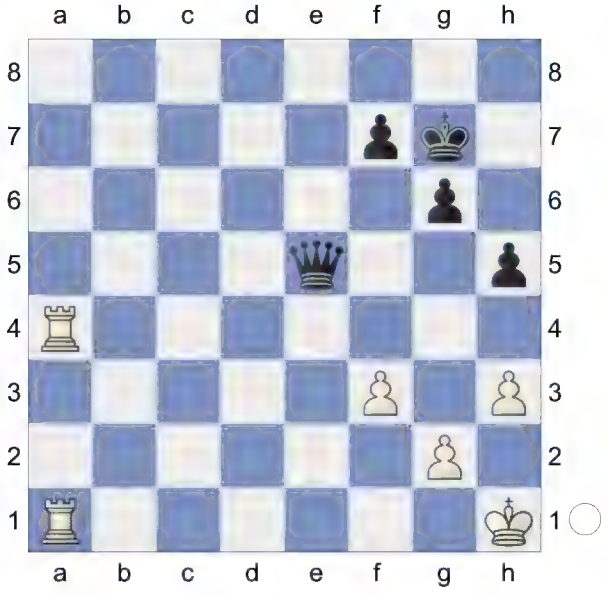
(Diagram)



36.Rga1 Kg7 37.Rxa5 Qd4 38.Ra7 Qe5 39.h3 Qd4 40.R7a4 Qe5

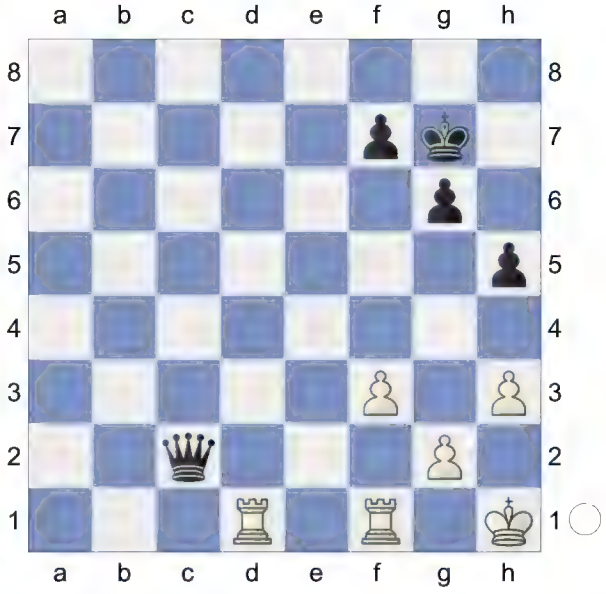


46.Rd1 Qe5+ 47.Kg1 Qe2 48.Kh1 Qe5 49.Rf1 Qe2 50.Rdd1 Qc2



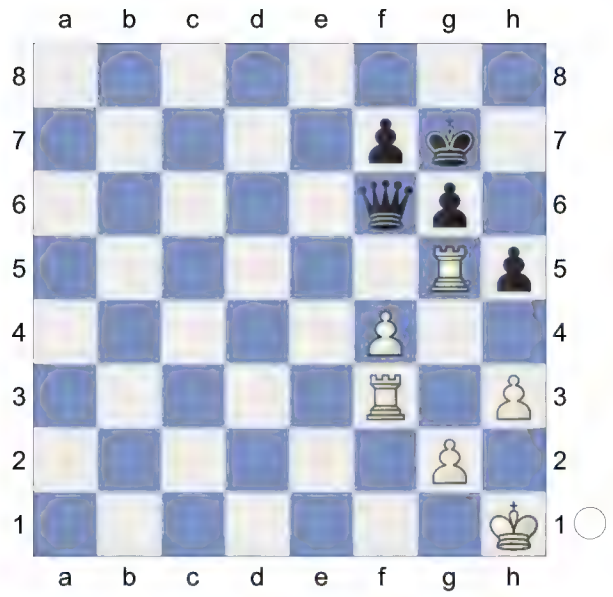
41.Rd1 Qe2 42.Rad4 Qe5 43.Rd7 Qe2 44.R1d5 Qe6 45.Kh2 Qe3

(Diagram)

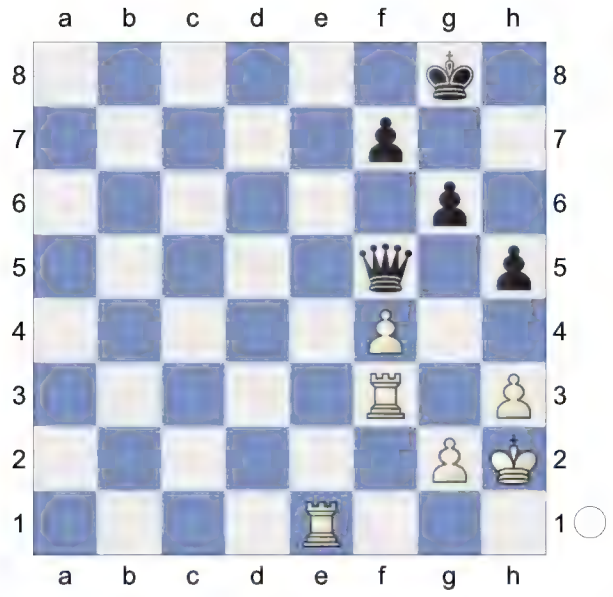


51.Rde1 Qd3 52.f4 Qf5 53.Rf3 Kg8 54.Re5 Qf6 55.Rg5 Kg7

(Diagram)

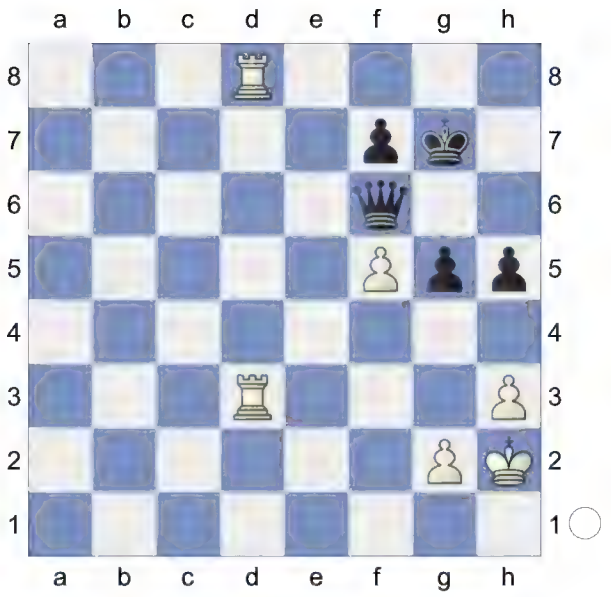


56.Kh2 Qd6 57.Re5 Qf6 58.Rd5 Qe6 59.Rd1 Qf5 60.Re1 Kg8

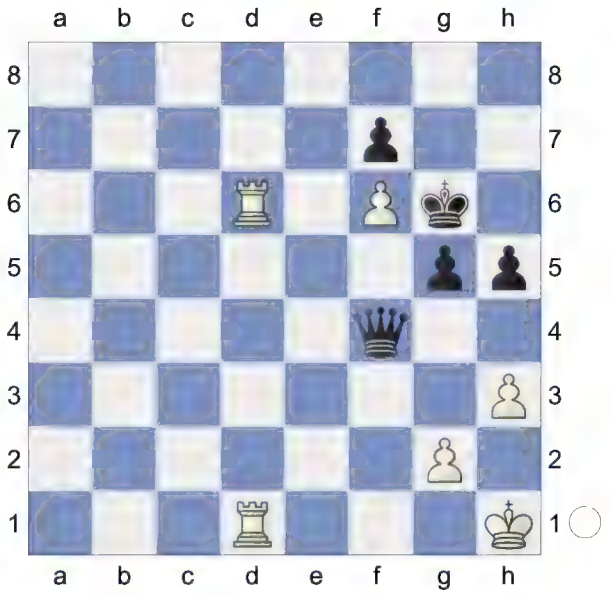


61.Re5 Qf6 62.Rd5 Qe6 63.Rfd3 Qf6 64.f5 g5 65.Rd8+ Kg7

(Diagram)



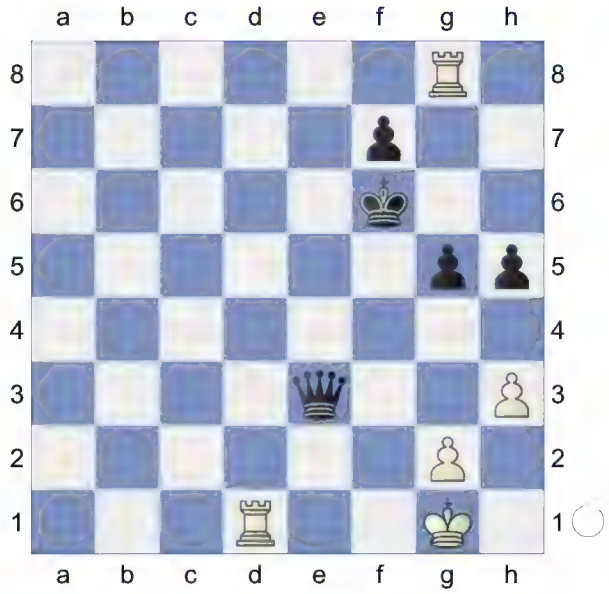
66.R3d5 Qc3 67.R8d6 Qe3 68.f6+ Kg6 69.Rd1 Qe5+ 70.Kh1 Qf4



71.R6d4 Qe5 72.Rd8 Kxf6 73.Rg8 Qf4 74.Kg1 Qe3+ 75.Kh1 Qf4

(Diagram)

Repels Rf1 **76.Kg1** Hoping for Rf1.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
76...Qe3+



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78 **C70**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2559**
Julius Baer Rapid Div 3 L (6.3) 02.09.23
[Kitty Kat]

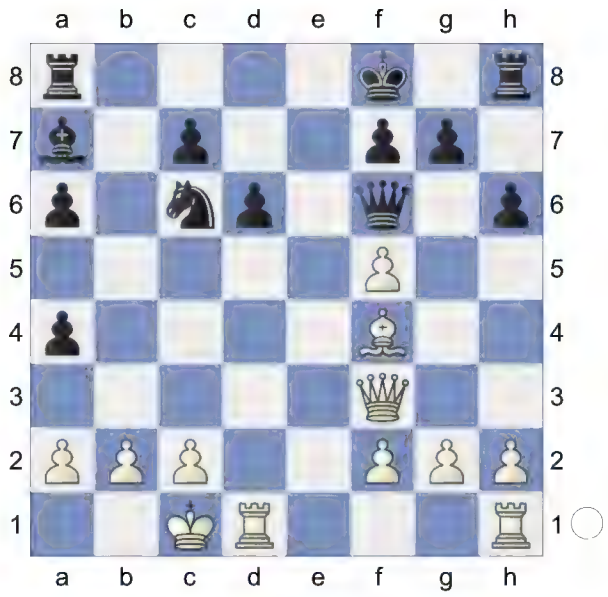
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.Nc3
[5.c3 Nf6 6.d4 *(6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nf1 h6 11.Bh4 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4 Bb6 14.bxa5 Bxa5 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.Ne3 Kh8 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.0-0 c6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 Rxb5* 1-0 (42) 13... ♖h7 and 17... ♖f7 189 (1831)-Ezat,A (1380) 145/(126) Douglas 2019 (2)) 6...Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]
5...Ba7N
[5...Nf6 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Bg5 c5 11.Qxc5 d6 12.Qd4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.0-0-0 Bb7 15.f3 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 a5 19.Rhd1 a4 20.Nd5 1-0 (51) Kunze,J-Wolf,S Sachsen-ch U10 2004 (7)]

(Diagram)

6.d4 exd4 7.Nd5 h6 0.37/23
[7...Nge7!= -0.17/20]
8.Bf4 White is slightly better. **8...d6 9.Nxd4 Bd7 10.Nf5**
[10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Nb4]
10...Bxf5

11.exf5 Nf6 12.Qe2+ Kf8 13.Nxf6 -0.10/20
[⌓13.Bb3! 0.26/22]
13...Qxf6= 14.0-0-0 b5 15.Qf3 bxa4

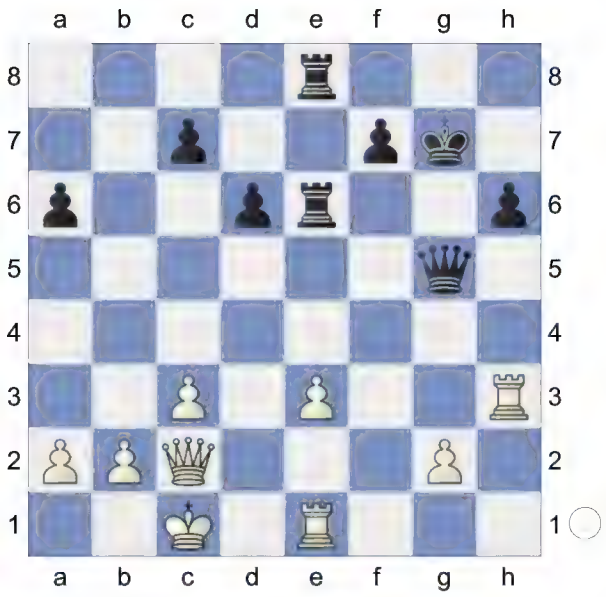
(Diagram)



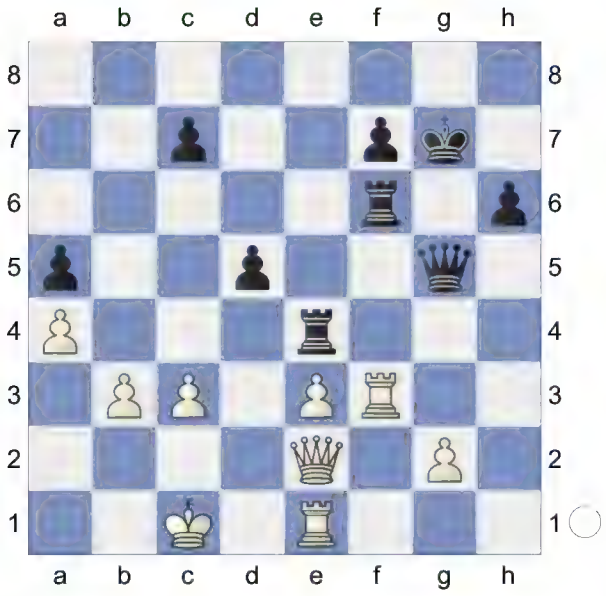
16.Qxc6 Rb8 17.c3 Active counter play! **17...Qxf5 18.Qxa4 g5⇄** Black is fighting back
[18...Qb5 19.Qxb5 axb5 20.f3 Ke7]
19.Be3 Bxe3+ 20.fxe3 Qb5

21.Qc2
[21.Qxb5 Rxb5 22.Rd4 Ke7 23.e4]
21...Kg7 22.h4 Rhe8 23.Rde1 Re6 24.hxg5 Qxg5 25.Rh3 Rbe8

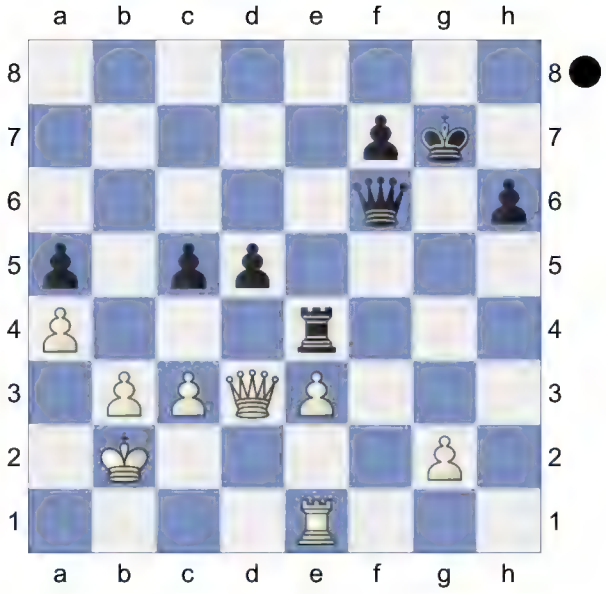
(Diagram)



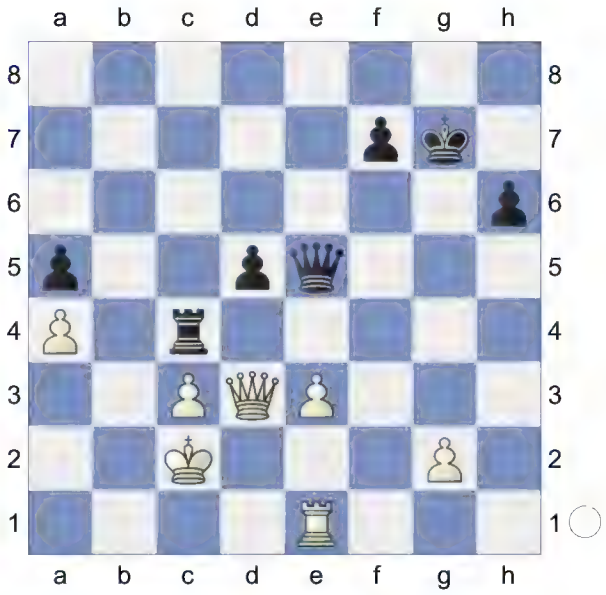
26.Qf2 Rf6 27.Qe2 -0.61/23
[27.Rf3= -0.23/23]
27...a5 -0.22/22
[27...Re4∓ -0.61/23]
28.a4 Re5 29.Rf3 Re4 30.b3 d5 -0.18/22
[Black should try 30...h5∓ -0.73/22]



31.Kb2 c5 -0.06/23
[31...h5∓ -0.42/22]
32.Rxf6 Qxf6 Endgame KQR-KQR
33.Qd3 -1.19/23
[33.Rf1∓ -0.34/22 Qe5 34.Rf3]



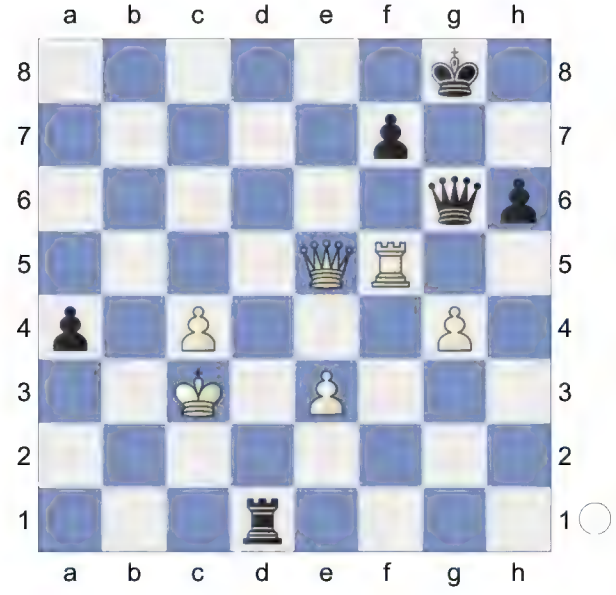
33...Qe5!∓ 34.Kc2 -1.53/20
[White should play 34.Rf1 -0.91/22]
34...c4 -0.45/22
[34...h5∓ -1.53/20 35.Re2 h4]
35.bxc4!∓ Rxc4 -0.05/21
[35...dxc4∓ -0.45/27 was preferable. 36.Qd1 Qf6 *(36...Rxe3 37.Rxe3 Qxe3 38.Qd4+ Qxd4 39.cxd4±)*]



36.Rf1!= Rxa4
[36...Re4 37.Rf4 Rxf4 38.exf4 Qxf4 39.Qb5 Qe4+]

37.Rf5 Qe6 38.Qxd5 Ra2+
[38...Qxe3 39.Rxf7+ Kg8 40.Re7+ Kh8 41.Qd8#]
39.Kd3
[39.Kb3 simplifies Qxd5+ 40.Rxd5 Rxg2 41.Rxa5 Rg3 42.Kc4]
39...Qg6 40.g4 Ra1

41.Qe5+ Kg8 42.Qe8+ Kg7 43.Qe5+ Kg8 44.c4 Rd1+ 45.Kc3 a4
[45...Qxg4? 46.Qe8+ *(46.Qxa5? Qe4-+)* 46...Kh7 47.Rxf7++- *(47.Qxf7+ Qg7+ 48.Qxg7+ Kxg7±)*]



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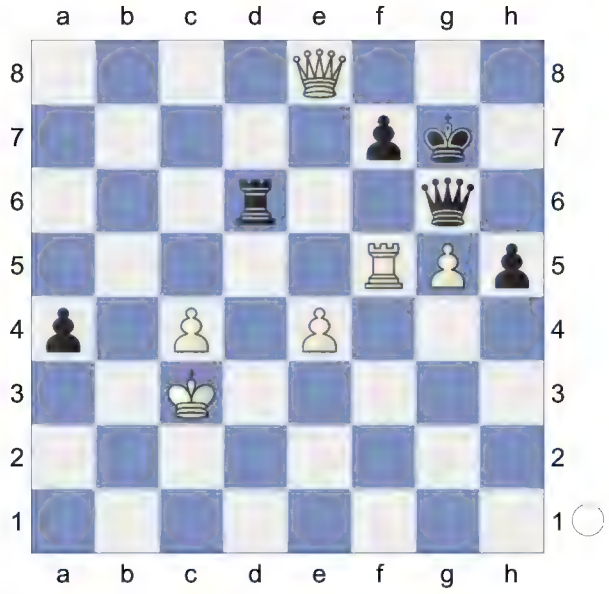
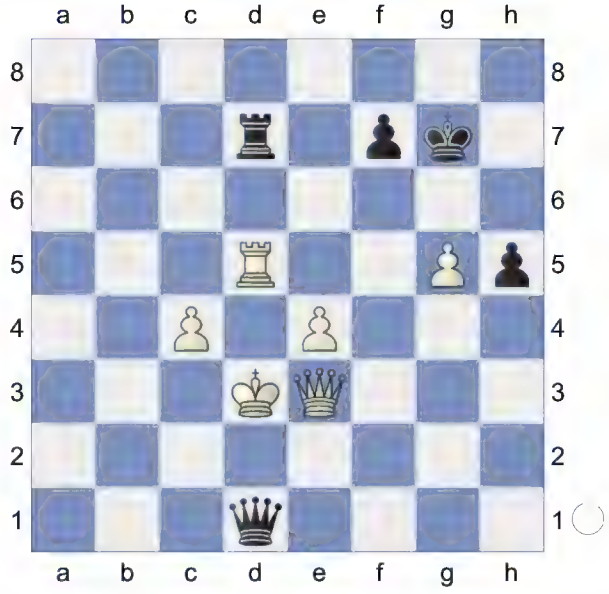
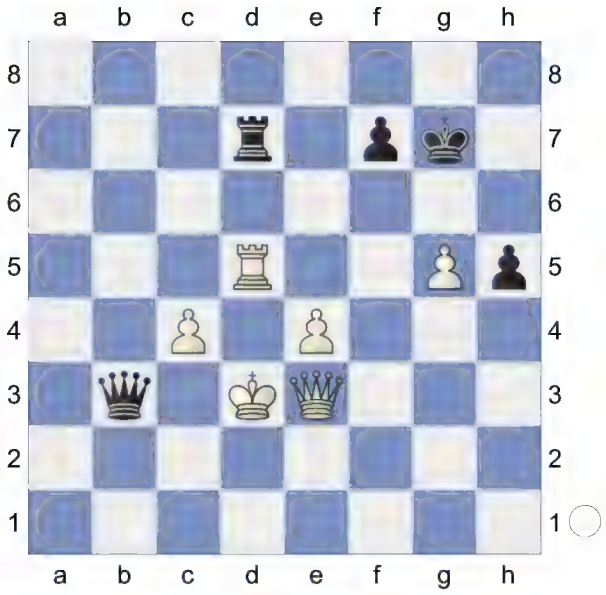


51.Qxa4 c5 is the strong threat. **51...Qe6 52.Qa7 Rd7**
[Worse is 52...Qxe4 53.Qxf7+ Kh8 54.Qf8+ *(54.Qxh5+ Kg8 55.Qf7+ Kh8 56.Qf8+ Kh7 57.g6+* Decoy *Kxg6 58.Qf7+ Kh6 59.Rh5#)* 54...Kh7 55.Rf7+ Kg6 56.Qg8#]
53.Qe3 Qa6 ...Qa3+ would now be deadly. **54.Rd5! Qa1+ 55.Kd3 Qd1+**



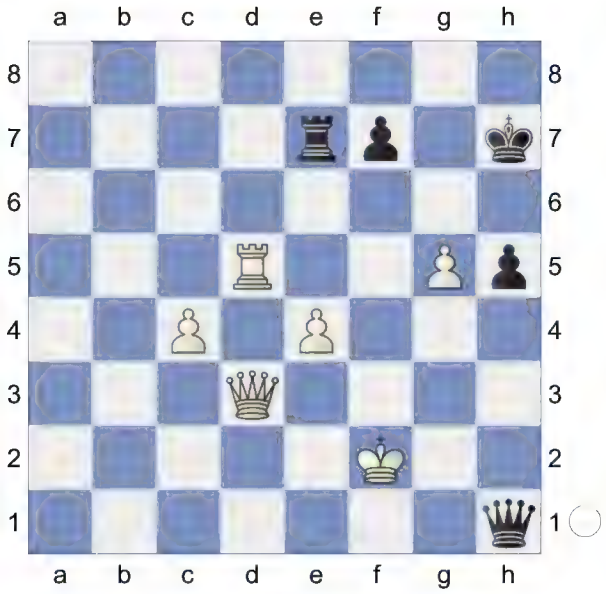
56.Kc3 Qa1+ 57.Kc2 Qa2+ 58.Kd3 Qb3+ 59.Kd4 Qb6+ 60.Kd3 Qb3+



61.Kd2 Qa2+ 62.Ke1 Re7 63.Qd4+ Kh7 64.Qd3

[64.Rd8!? Qa5+□ 65.Kf2=]

64...Qa1+ 65.Kf2 Qh1



66.Qf3 Qh4+

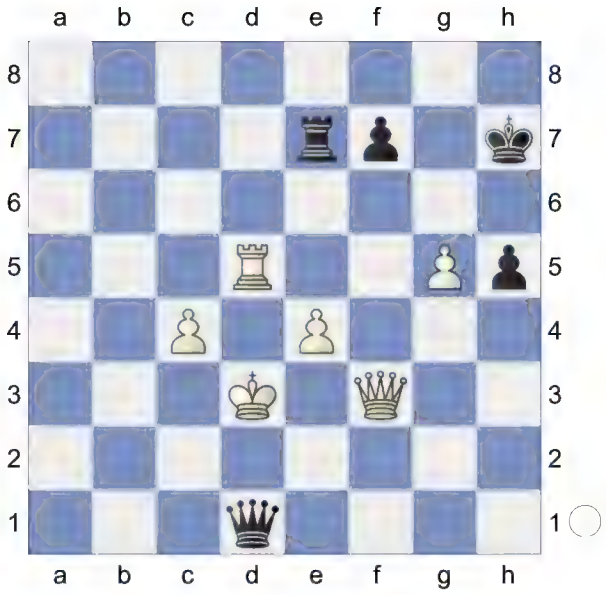
[But not 66...Qh2+ 67.Kf1 Qb8 68.Kg2± *(68.Qxh5+ Kg8±)*]

67.Ke3 White wants to mate with Qf5+.

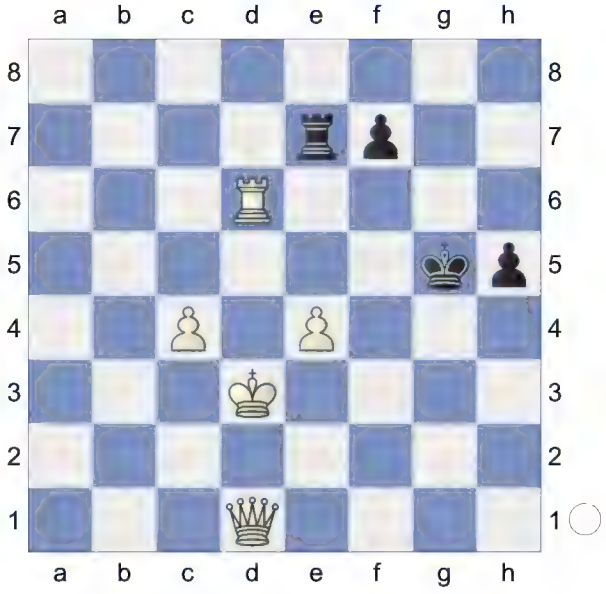
67...Qe1+ 68.Kd3 Really sharp!

68...Qd1+? #8/15

(Diagram)



69.Qxd1 White mates. **69...Kg6 70.Rd6+ Kxg5**

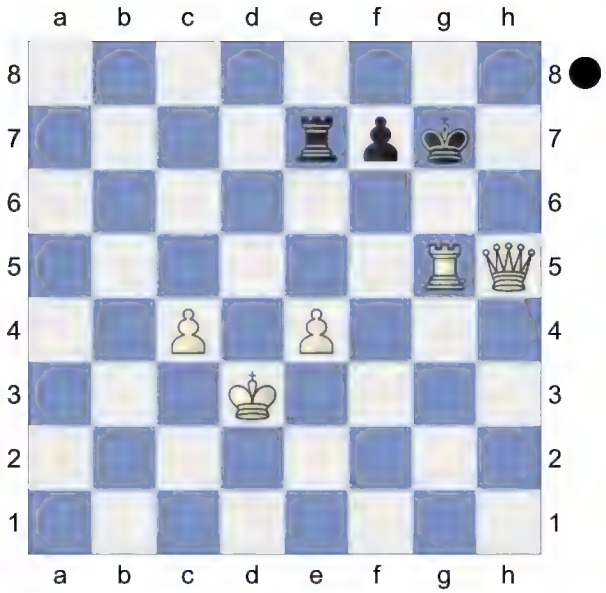


71.Rd5+ Kg6 72.Qxh5+ Kg7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

73.Rg5+

(Diagram)



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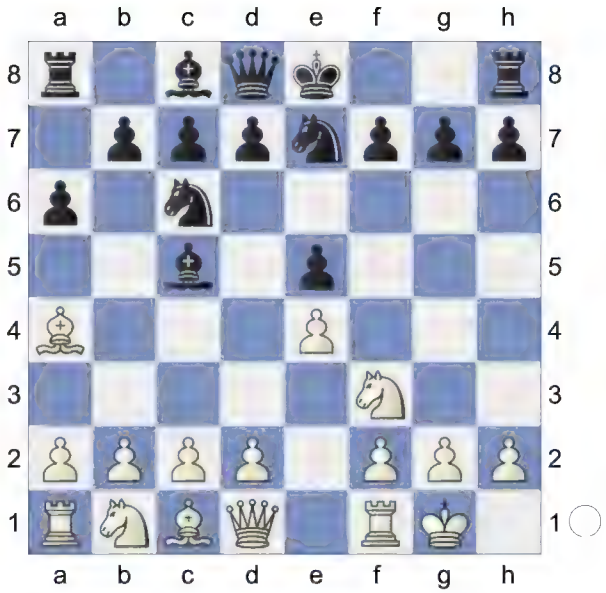
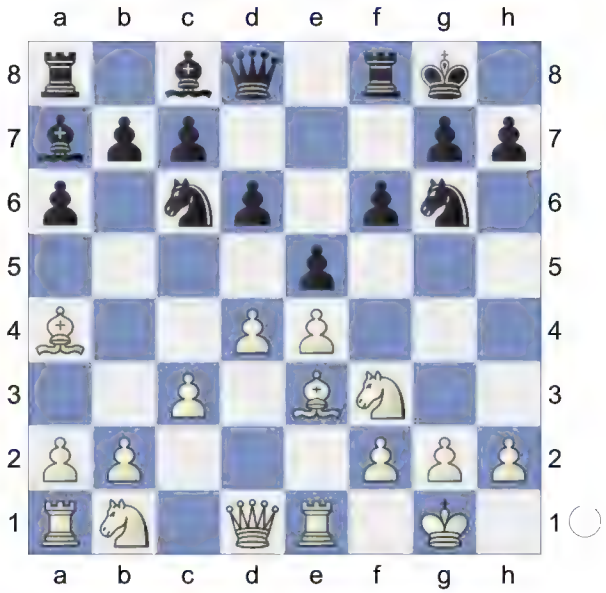
79 **C70**
□ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2689**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2557**
Julius Baer Play-In 2023 rapid (7.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7

(Diagram)



6.c3 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Re1 d6



11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.Bc2
[12.h3 Nce7 13.Bb3 h6 14.Nf1 f5 15.dxe5 fxe4 16.exd6 exf3 17.dxe7 Qxe7 18.Ng3 Qh4 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.Bc2 Qg5 21.Qd3 Bf5 22.Qd4 Bxc2 23.Qxa7 Nf4 24.Qe3 Qh4 25.Qe7 Rf6 26.Qd7 fxg2 0-1 (28) Fecker,N (2396)-Koellner,R (2485) Wch U20 60th 2023 (9)]
12...exd4N

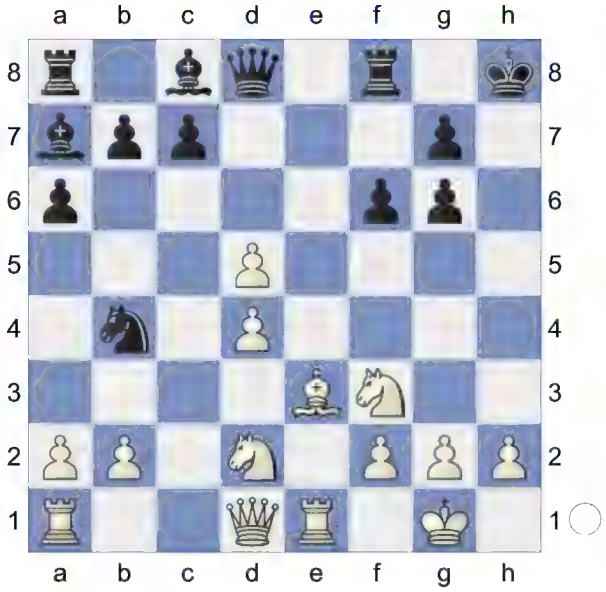
[12...f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Bxf5 Rxf5 15.Ne4 *(15.d5 Nce7 16.c4 Qd7 17.Ne4 h6* 12) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und und 6.O-O-12 | 6.O-O: 8.Lg5 Nebenvarian Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*)* 15...Qg8 16.Ng3 Rff8 17.dxe5 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Ngxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qd4 Qf7 21.f3 a5 22.b3 b5 23.Rf1 a4 24.f4 Ng4 25.Re2 axb3 26.axb3 Qxb3 27.Re7 0-1 (44) Prraneeth,V (2451)-Esipenko,A (2668) 59th World Juniors 2022 (9.4)]

[12...Bd7 13.Nf1 Bg4 14.d5 Nce7 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.Ne3 Bd7 Khanin,S (2506)-Chigaev,M (2631) 147/(112) Barnaul 2021]

13.cxd4 d5 14.exd5 Nb4 0.88/21

[14...Nce7± 0.49/17 was preferable.]

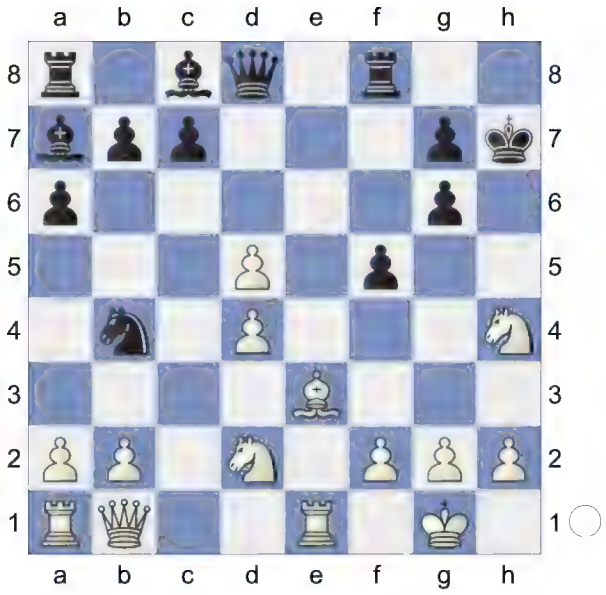
15.Bxg6± hxg6



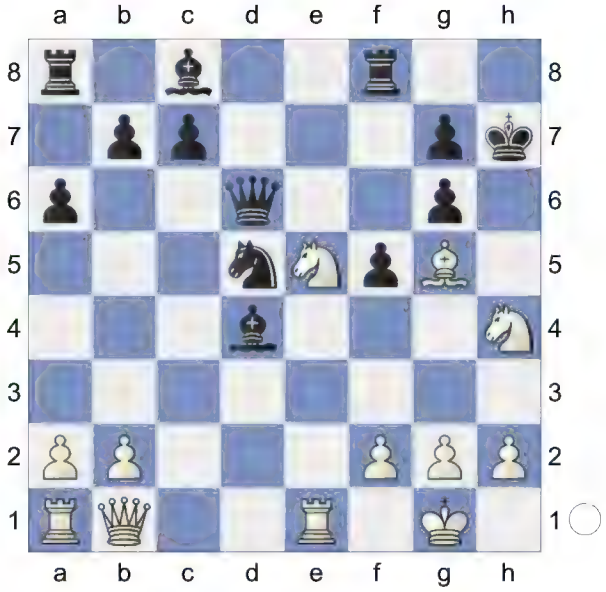
16.Nh4 Kh7 17.Qb1 This costs Black the game. **17...f5?** 2.59/18

[17...Nxd5± 0.85/20 18.Qxg6+ Kg8]

(Diagram)



18.Ndf3+- Nxd5 19.Bg5 Qd6 20.Ne5 Bxd4



21.Nexg6 Excellent horsemanship.

21...Bd7 3.51/16

[⌓21...Rf6 2.34/17]

22.Qd1

[22.Nxf8+ Rxf8 23.Qc2 Qc5+-]

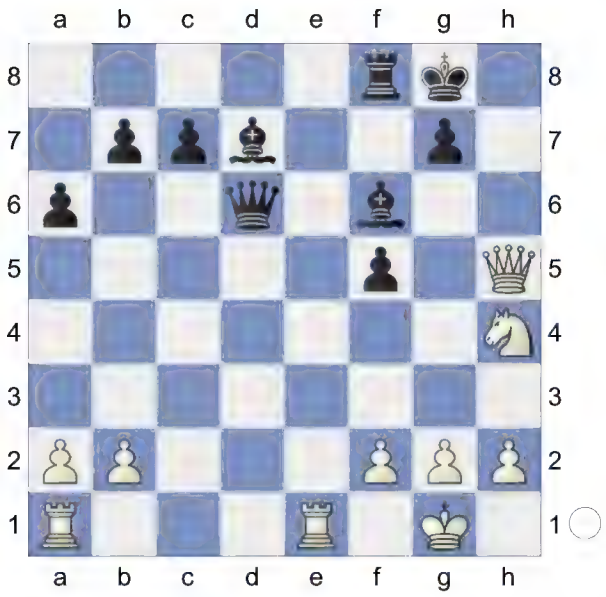
22...Nf6 23.Bxf6

[Resist 23.Nxf8+ Rxf8 24.Nf3 Bb6 25.Qxd6 cxd6+-]

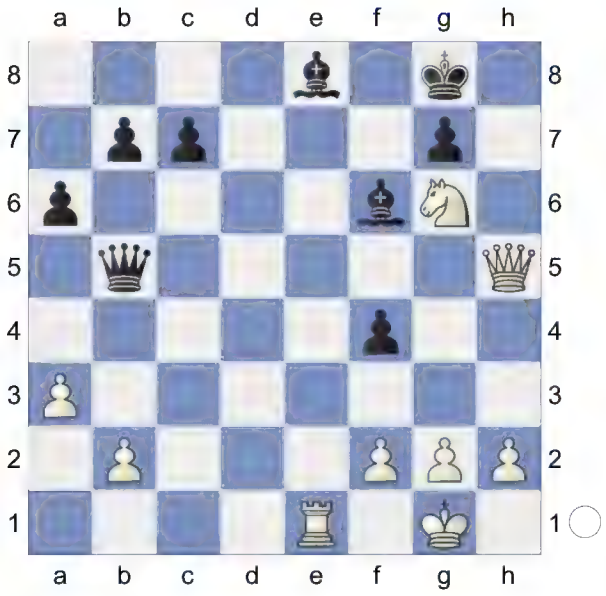
23...Bxf6 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Nxf8

[25.Nxf5 Bxf5 26.Qxf5 Rfe8=]

25...Rxf8

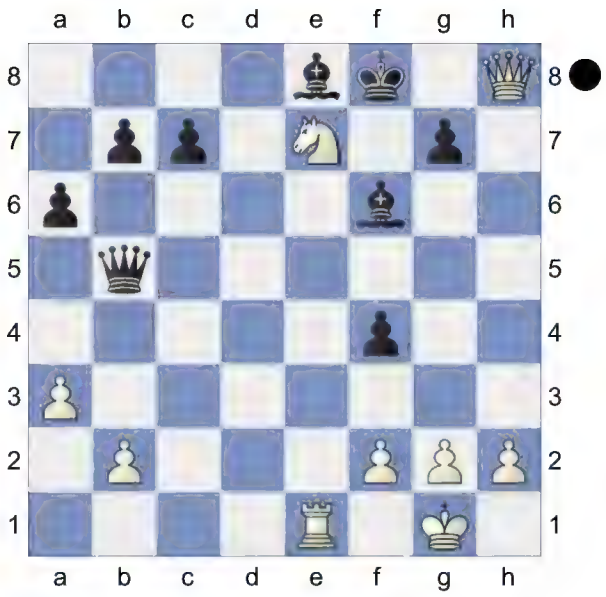


26.Rad1
[26.Nxf5 Bxf5 27.Qxf5 Bxb2∓]
26...Qb4 27.a3 Qb5 28.Ng6 Re8
Dodges Re7 **29.Rxe8+ Bxe8 30.Re1 f4?** 5.58/20
[30...Bc6 2.93/18 was called for. 31.Ne7+ Bxe7]



31.Ne7+ Kf8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.77
32.Qh8+

(Diagram)



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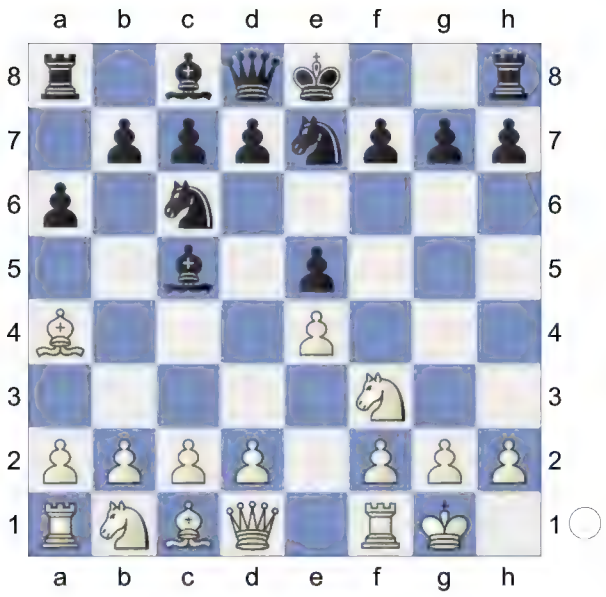
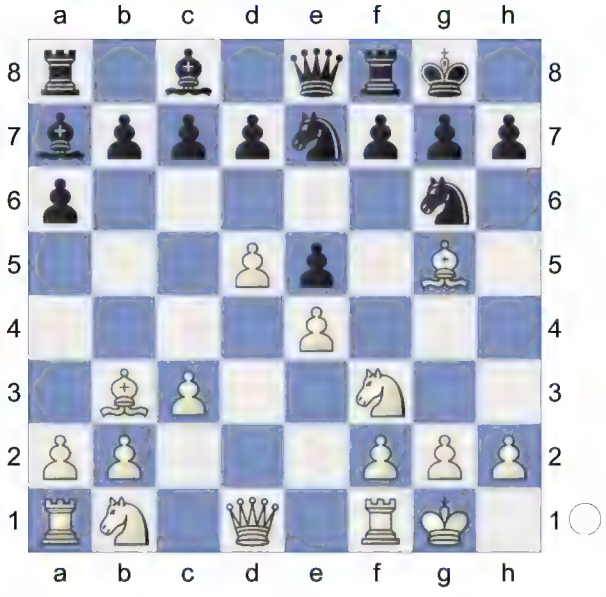
80 **C70**
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2687**
■ **Ghosh,D** **2553**
PRO League Prelim 2023 (5.2) 17.03.23
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7

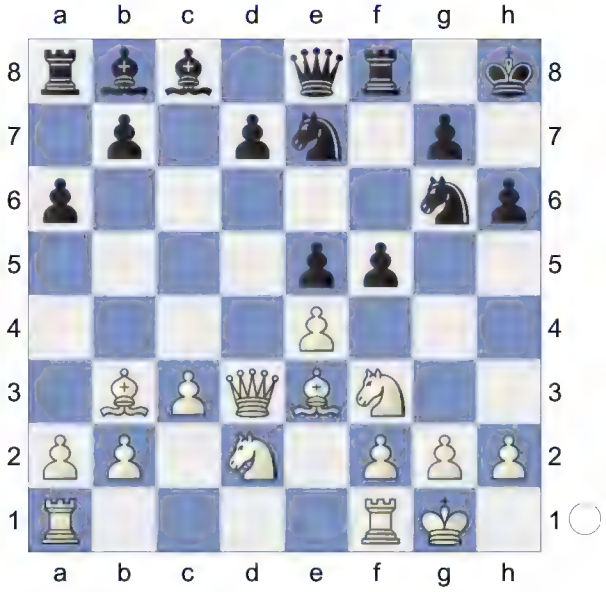
(Diagram)



6.c3 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bb3 0-0
White is slightly better. **9.Bg5 Qe8**
10.d5 0.02/23
[10.Re1± 0.43/23 is superior.]
10...Nce7=



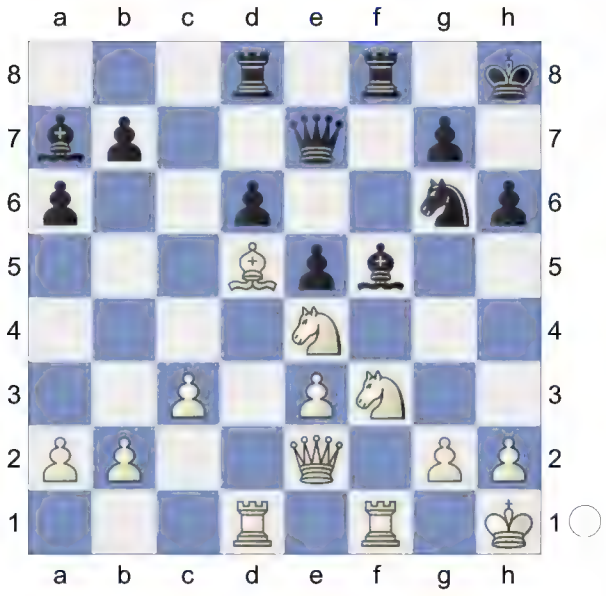
11.d6 cxd6 12.Qxd6 Black should prevent Bxe7!. **12...Bb8 13.Qd3N**
[13.Qb6 d6 14.Nbd2 h6 15.Be3 Nc6 16.Nc4 Qe7 17.Na5 Ba7 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Qxc6 Bd7 20.Qd5 Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.e5 dxe5 23.Qxe5 Qxe5 24.Nxe5 Be6 25.Bxe6 fxe6 26.Rad1 Rab8 27.b3 Rfc8 1-0 (70) Nagare,K (2352)-Nugumanov,B (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (1)]
13...h6 14.Be3 Kh8 15.Nbd2!↑
White has some pressure. **15...f5**



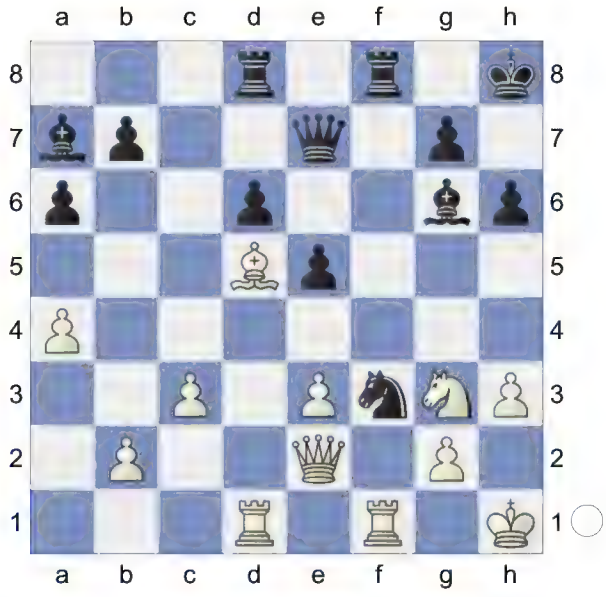
16.exf5 Nxf5 17.Bd5 -0.50/22
[17.Bc2!± 0.46/20]
17...Ba7 0.72/22
[17...Nge7!∓ -0.50/22 stays ahead.]
18.Kh1 0.35/20 White has more active pieces.
[18.Nc4!± 0.72/22]
18...d6± 19.Rad1 -0.34/21
[White should try 19.c4± 0.31/19]
19...Qe7 0.30/22
[19...Be6∓ -0.34/21 20.c4 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Ne7]
20.Ne4= Nxe3 0.85/19
[20...Be6= 0.24/22 remains equal. 21.Bxe6 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Qxe6]

(Diagram)

21.fxe3± Bf5! 22.Qe2 Rad8 1.50/18
[22...Qd7!± 0.54/20]



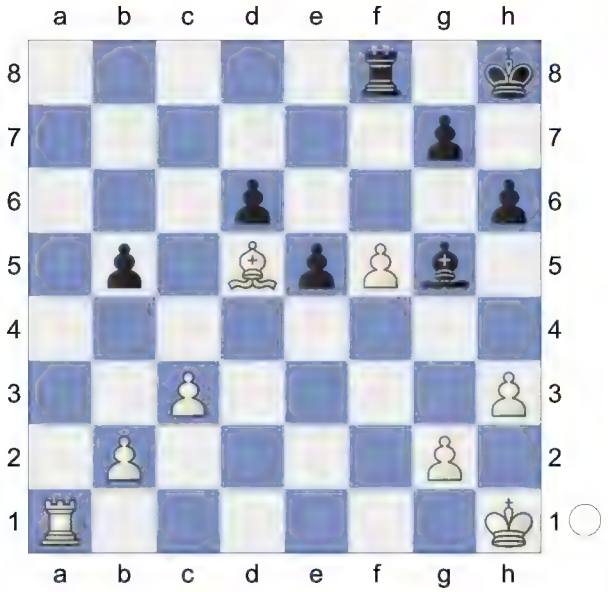
23.a4 0.00/19
[23.Nfg5!± 1.50/18]
23...Nh4 0.93/17
[23...Qd7!= 0.00/19]
24.h3 0.00/18
[24.Nxd6± 0.93/17 and Nxh4 would now be decisive Rxd6 25.Nxh4 Qxh4 26.e4]
24...Bg6 0.65/21
[24...Bxe4!= 0.00/18 25.Bxe4 d5 *(25...Nf5 26.Bxf5 Rxf5 27.e4±)* 26.Nxh4 *(26.Rxd5 Nf5=)* 26...Qxh4 *(26...Rxf1+ 27.Qxf1 Qxh4 28.Rxd5±)* 27.Rxf8+ *(27.Bxd5 Qxa4 28.Rxf8+ Rxf8±)* 27...Rxf8 28.Bxd5 *(28.Rxd5? Qxe4 29.Rd3 Qc4-+)* 28...Qxa4±]
25.Ng3 Nxf3



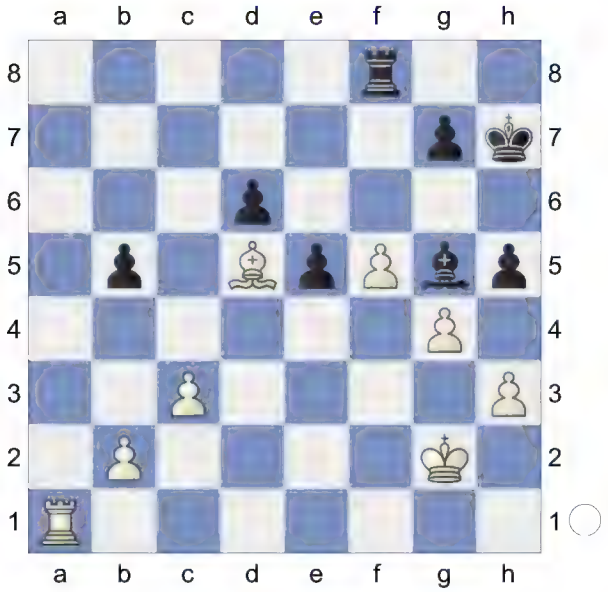
26.Rxf3 Rxf3 27.Qxf3 Rf8 28.Qg4 Bc2 29.Rc1 Bh7 30.e4 b5 0.61/23
[30...g6= 0.00/19]

Black is weak on the light squares

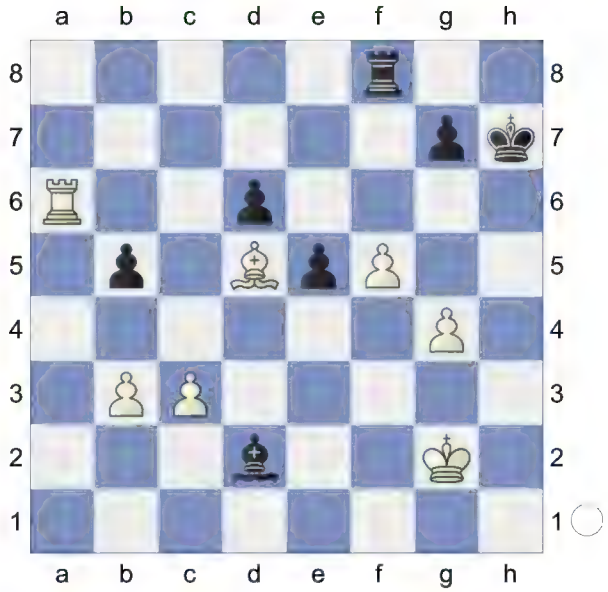
31.axb5± axb5 32.Ra1 Be3 33.Nf5 Bxf5 34.exf5 Qg5 35.Qxg5 Bxg5±



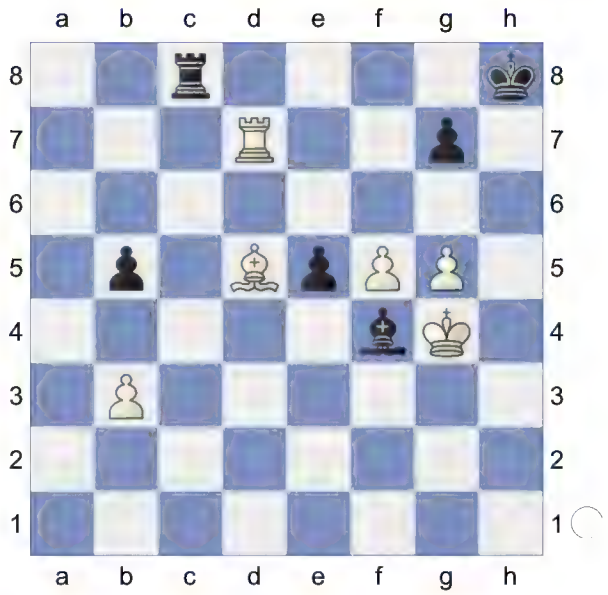
Endgame KRB-KRB **36.g4 h5 37.Kg2**
[37.gxh5 Kh7=]
37...Kh7 2.25/20
[37...Bf6± 0.86/20]



38.Ra6? 0.44/18
[Not 38.gxh5 Kh6±]
[White has to play 38.h4!+- 2.25/20 Be3 39.g5 *(39.gxh5 b4±)*]
38...Bc1± 39.b3 hxg4 40.hxg4 Bd2 1.35/19
[Black should play 40...Rf6!± 0.57/19]



41.Rxd6± Bxc3 42.g5 0.37/18
Prevents Rf6
[42.Be4± 1.19/18 Rf6 43.Rd3]
42...Rc8? 5.06/22
[42...Bd2!± 0.37/18]
43.Rd7 Kh8? 7.20/21
[43...e4 3.94/19 44.Bxe4 Kg8 45.Bd5+ Kf8]
44.Kf3 Bd2 45.Kg4 White threatens Be6 and mate. **45...Bf4**



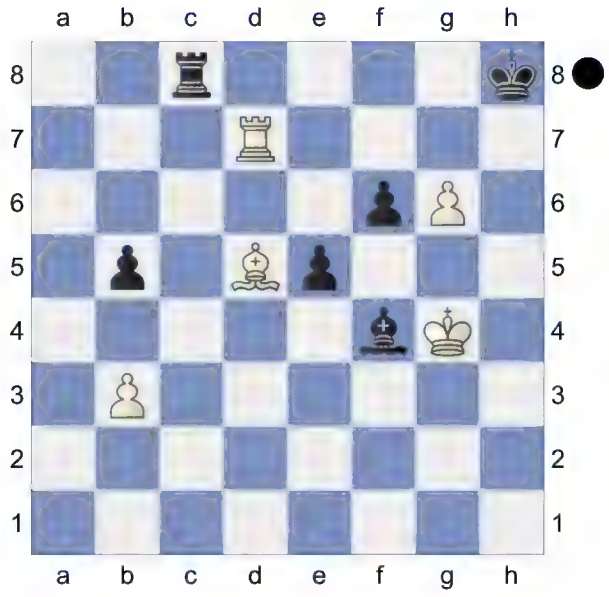
46.f6 8.71/21

[⌓46.g6 #13/19 Bh6 47.Re7 *(47.f6 Re8+-)* 47...Rf8 48.f6 *(48.Rxe5 Rd8+-)* 48...b4 49.f7 *(49.Rxe5 gxf6 50.Re7 f5+ 51.Kg3 Bg7+-)* 49...Be3 50.Rxe5 Bf4 Decoy 51.Kxf4 Rxf7+ 52.Kg3 *(52.gxf7 Kh7 53.f8Q Kh6 54.Rg5 Kh7 55.Qxg7#)* 52...Rf3+ 53.Bxf3 Kg8 54.Re8#]

46...gxf6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.81

47.g6



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81 **C70**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2695**

■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2549**

16th Philadelphia Int (8.1) 27.06.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

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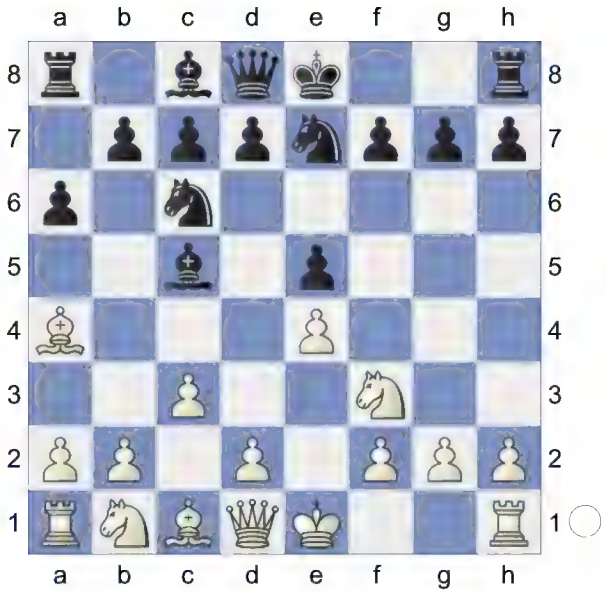
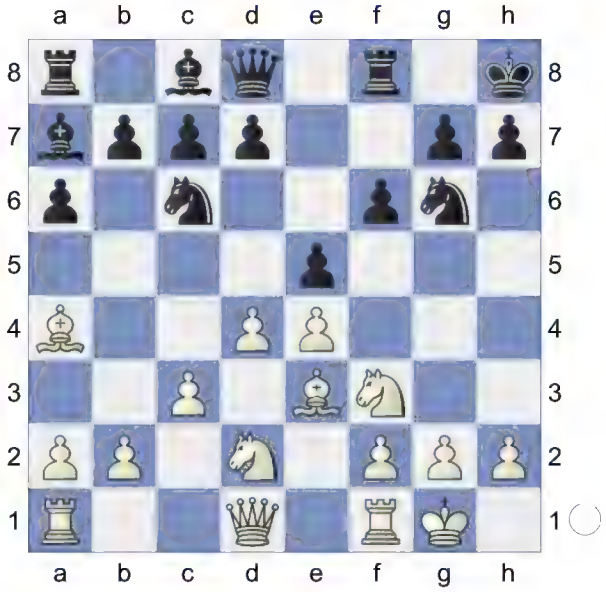


6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6

White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Kh8**



11.Re1 d6 12.h3 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 f5 Threatens to win with ...f4.

[14...c6 15.Bc2 Be6 16.Nf3 Qd7 17.d5 Bg8 18.Bxa7 Rxa7 19.dxc6 bxc6 ½-½ Baglan,E (2336)-Blagojevic, D (2446) SRB-chT Central 2024 (1.2)]

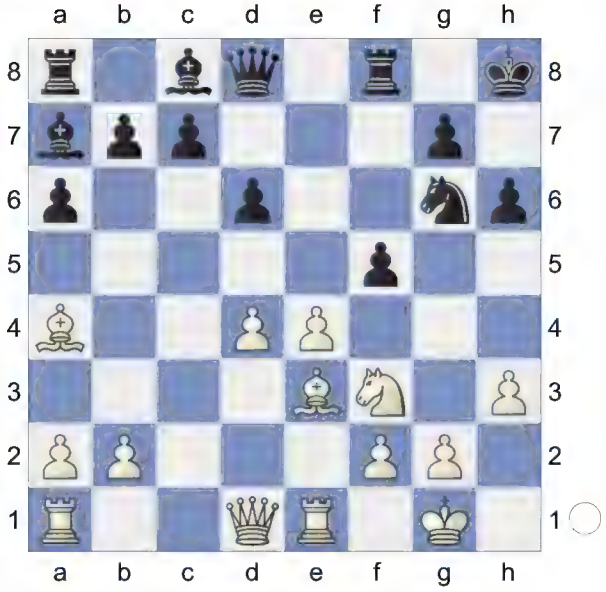
[14...Be6 15.Nf3 d5 16.Bc2 c6 17.e5 f5 18.Bg5 Qd7 19.Qd2 Rae8 20.h4 h6 21.h5 Ne7 22.Bf6 Ng8

23.Bh4 Qf7 24.Qb4 Rb8 25.Qd6 Bb6 26.Bg3 Bc7 27.Qa3 Qxh5 28.Kf1 f4 29.Ke2 0-1 (56) Lancman, K (2150)-Dyachuk,A (2308) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (6)]

15.Nf3! h6N

[15...fxe4? 16.Bg5 Rf6 *(16...Ne7? 17.Rxe4 Rf7 18.Qe2+-)* 17.Rxe4+- *(17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Rxe4 Bf5±)*]

[15...Nh4 16.exf5 b5 17.Nxh4 Qxh4 18.Bc2 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.a4 17. 4th Move Alternatives-4...Bc5 #6]



Dodges Bg5 **16.e5 c6** 1.11/19

[16...dxe5!± 0.64/18 17.dxe5 *(17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bxe3±)* 17...Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Qe7]

17.Bb3!± d5 18.Bc2 Kg8 19.Qd3 Be6 20.b4 Bb6

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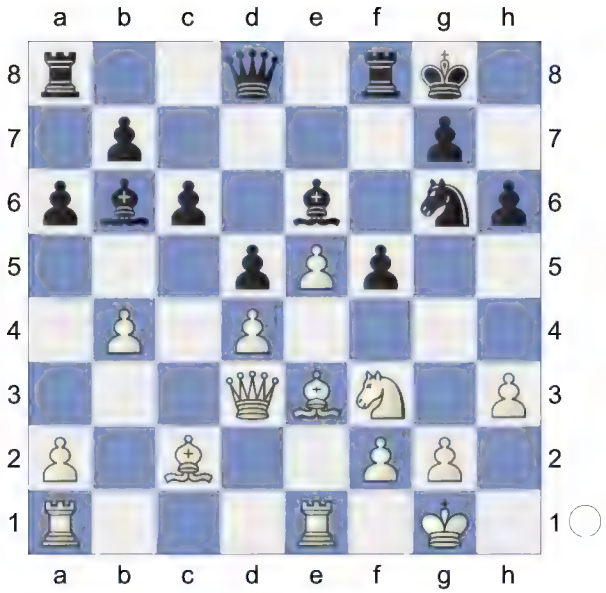
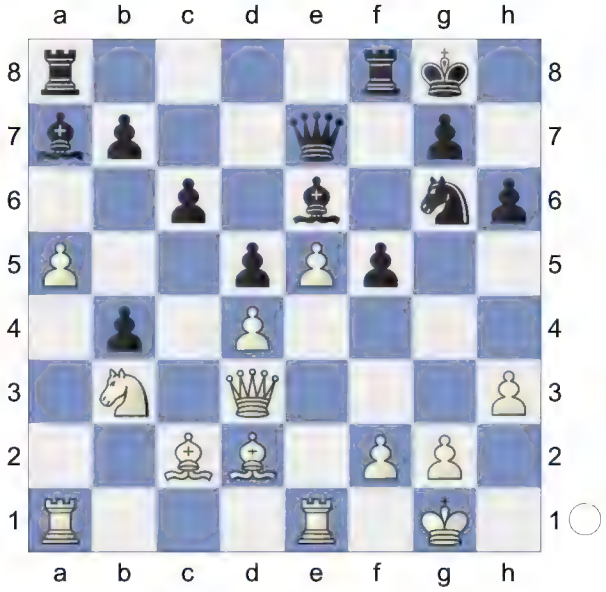


21.a4 Qd7 22.Nd2 a5 23.Nb3! axb4 24.Bd2 Qe7 25.a5 Ba7



26.Ra4 Rf7 27.Qg3

[27.Rxb4 Nf8 28.f4 g6±]

27...Kh7 28.Bxb4 Qd8 1.97/17

[28...Qg5± 1.57/16 29.Bc5 Qxg3 30.fxg3 Kg8]

29.Bc5 Nf8 30.Bxa7 Rxa7

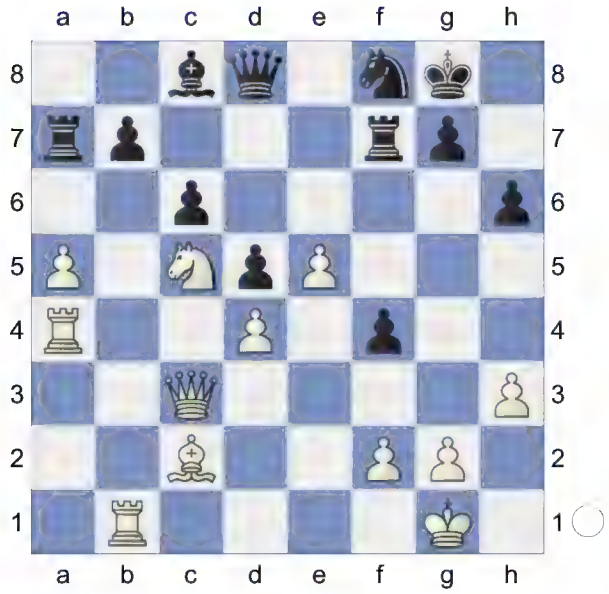
(Diagram)

31.Rb1 1.24/20

[White should play 31.Qc3+- 1.71/19]

31...Kg8 32.Nc5 Bc8 33.Qc3

White is much more active. **33...f4**



34.a6 0.61/21 **b6**

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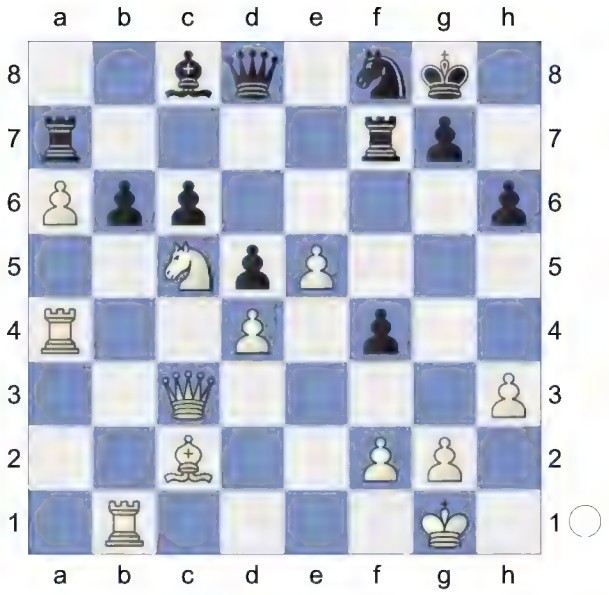
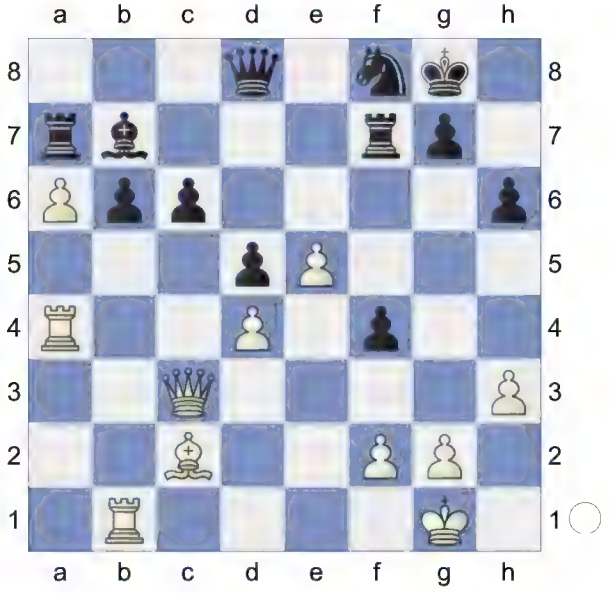


35.Nb7 Bxb7



36.axb7 Raxb7 37.Ra6

[37.Qxc6? Rfc7-+]

37...f3

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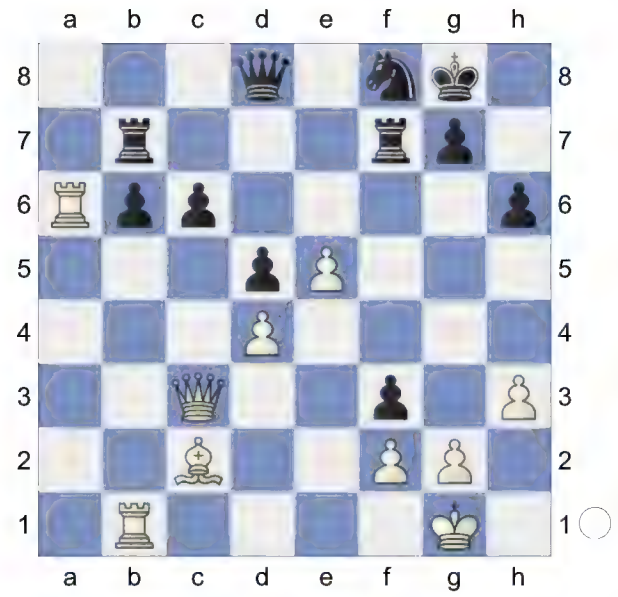
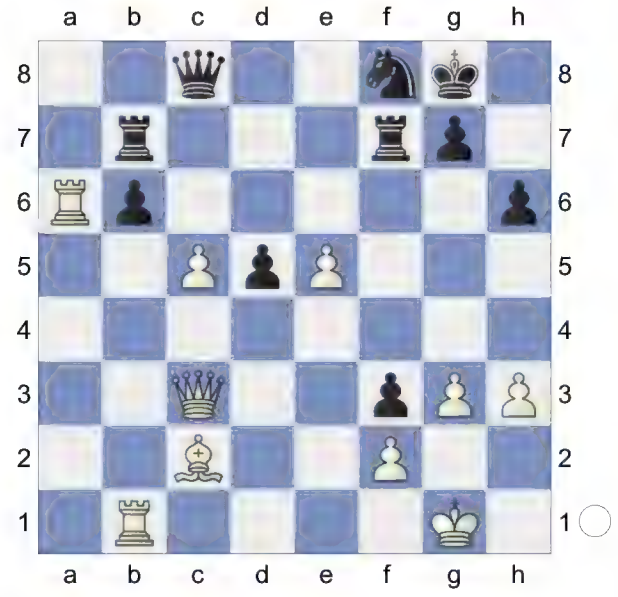
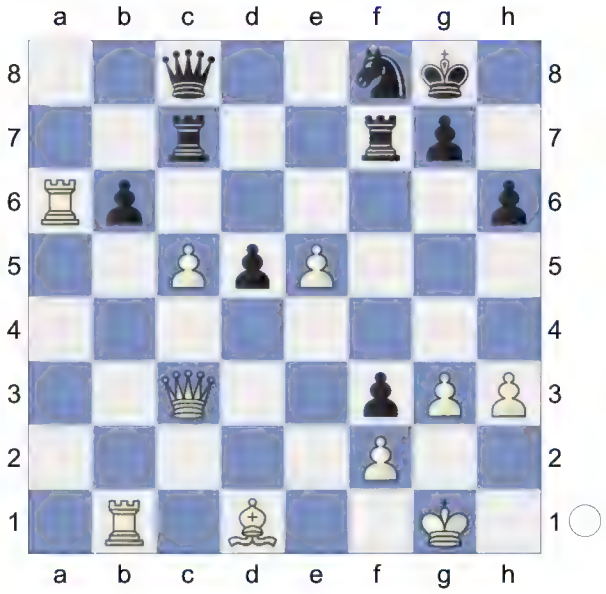


38.g3
[38.Qxc6? Rbc7 39.Ra8 *(39.Qxb6? Qg5-+)* 39...Rxc6-+]
[38.gxf3 Rf4 39.Qd3 *(39.Qxc6? Rc7-+)* 39...g6∓]
38...c5 39.dxc5 Qc8

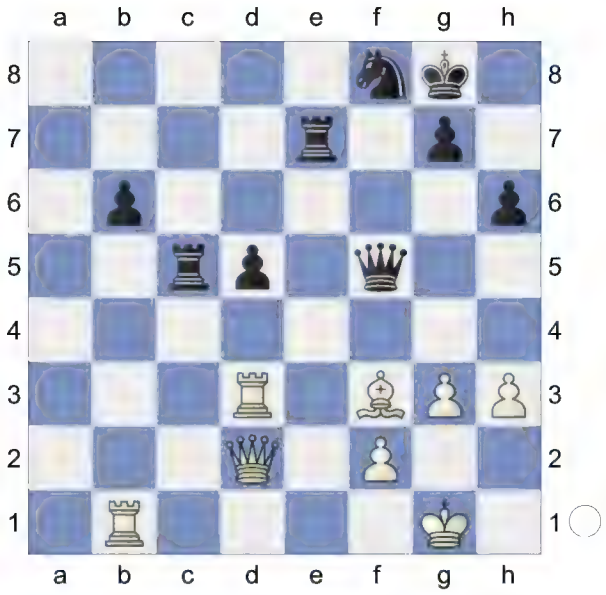


40.Bd1!
[40.Raxb6? Qxh3-+]
[40.Rbxb6? Rxb6 *(40...Qxh3? 41.Qxf3 Rxf3 42.Rxb7-+)* 41.e6 *(41.Rxb6? Qxh3-+)* 41...Qxe6 *(41...Qxa6 42.exf7+ Kh8 43.cxb6±; 41...Rxe6? 42.Rxe6 Nxe6 43.Qd3-+)* 42.cxb6 *(42.Rxb6? Qxh3-+)* 42...Qxh3-+]
[40.c6?! Qxh3=]
40...Rbc7 2.01/20
[40...bxc5± 0.91/19 was worth a try. 41.Rxb7 Qxb7]

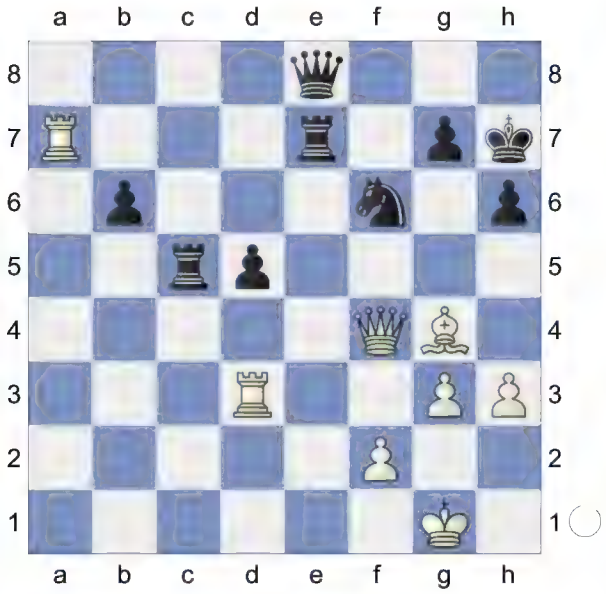


41.Ra3? 0.29/22
[Stronger than 41.Rbxb6 Rxc5 42.Qd4 Qxh3 43.Bxf3 Rc1+ 44.Bd1 Rxf2 45.Kxf2 Qh2+ 46.Kf1 Qh3+ 47.Ke2 Qh5+ 48.Ke1 Qh1+ 49.Ke2 Qh5+ 50.g4 Qh2+ 51.Ke1 *(51.Qf2 Qxe5+ 52.Qe3 Qh2+ 53.Qf2 Qe5+ 54.Qe3 Qh2+ 55.Qf2 Qe5+=)* 51...Qh1+ 52.Ke2 Qg2+ 53.Qf2 Qxg4+ 54.Qf3 Qd4=]
[Only move: 41.Raxb6+- 2.01/20 And now e6 would win. Rxc5 42.Qd4]
41...Rxc5= 42.Qd2 Re7 43.Rxf3 0.09/18
[43.h4± 0.53/18 might be stronger.]
43...Qc7 0.52/18
[43...Nd7= 0.09/18]
44.Rd3 Qxe5 45.Bf3 Qf5

(Diagram)

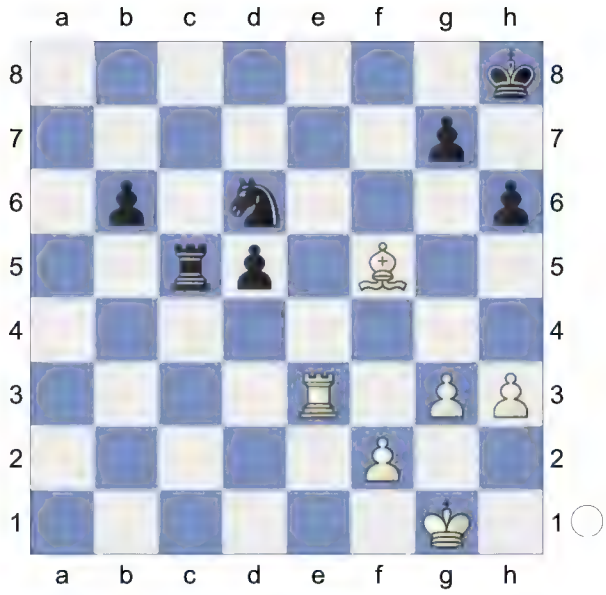


46.Bg4 White has compensation. **46...Qg6 47.Ra1 Nd7 48.Ra8+** 0.07/17
[48.Ra7± 0.58/18 Qc6 49.Qb4]
48...Kh7 49.Ra7 Qe8 50.Qf4 Nf6

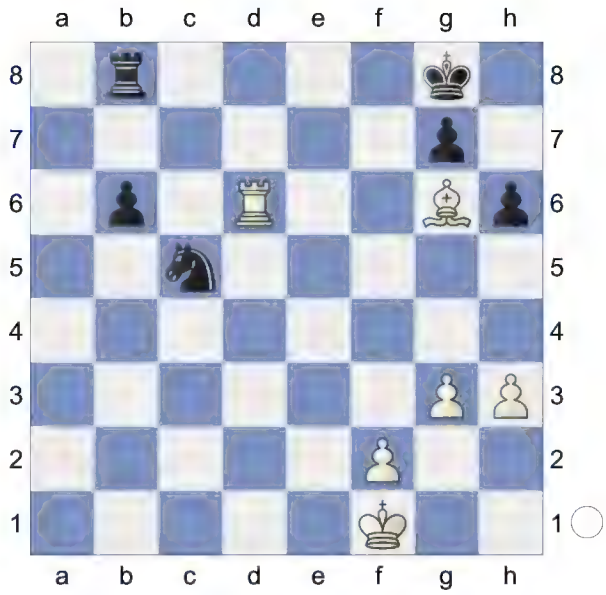


51.Bf5+ Kh8 52.Rxe7 Qxe7 53.Qb8+ Qe8 The position is equal. **54.Qxe8+!**
[54.Qxb6 Qe1+ 55.Kg2 Rc1 56.Qb8+ Ng8-+]
54...Nxe8 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **55.Re3 Nd6**

(Diagram)



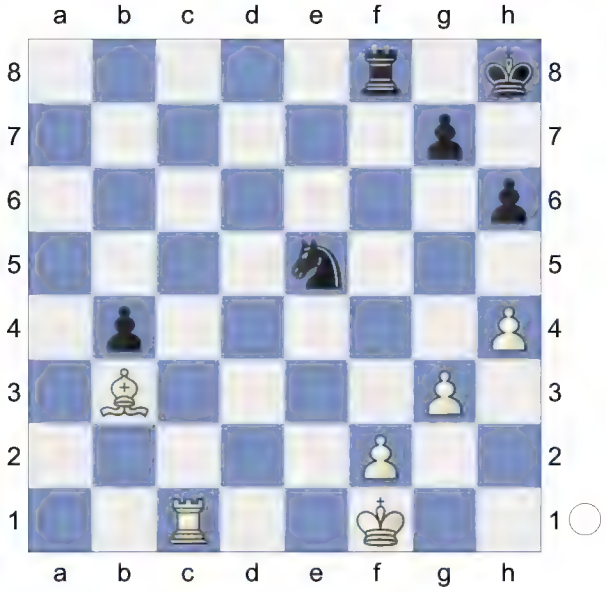
56.Bg6 Rc8 57.Re5 Nb7 58.Rxd5 Nc5 59.Kf1 Kg8 60.Rd6 Rb8



61.Rc6 Nd7 62.Bf5 Nf6 63.Be6+ Kh8 64.h4 b5 65.Bb3 Ng4

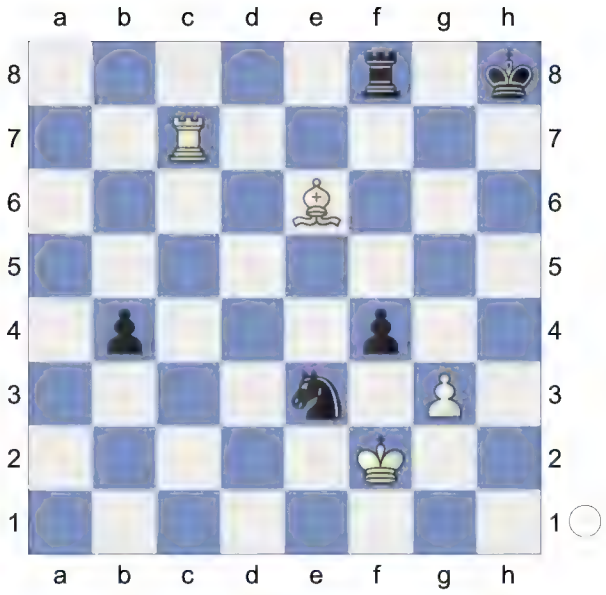
(Diagram)

66.Be6 Ne5 67.Rc5 Nd3 68.Rc3 Ne5 69.Bb3 b4 70.Rc1 Rf8



71.Rc7 Ng4 72.f4 g5 73.hxg5 hxg5 74.Be6 Ne3+ 75.Kf2 gxf4

(Diagram)



76.gxf4 Nf5 Black defended with fortune.

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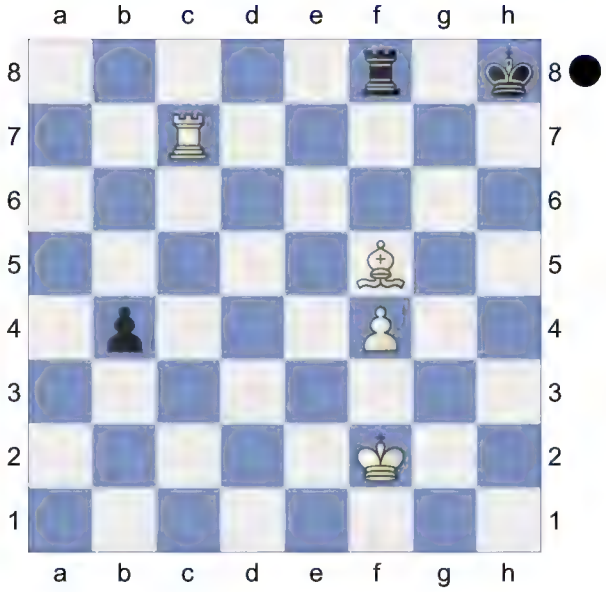
77.Bxf5



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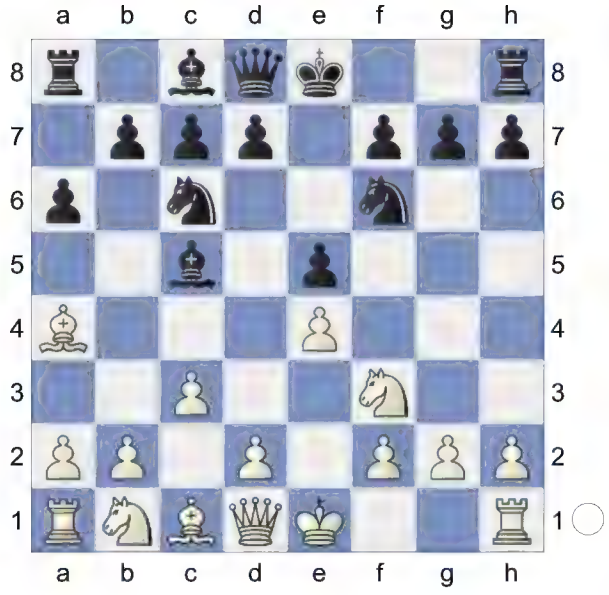
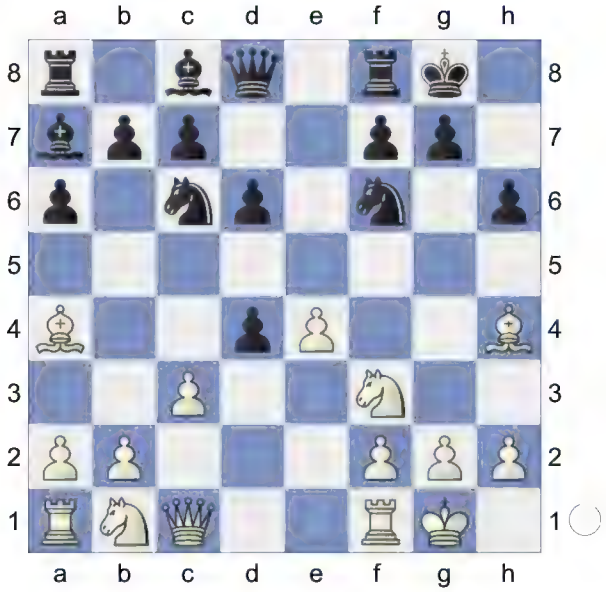
82 **C78**
□ **Saric,Ivan** **2664**
■ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2547**
Deutschland 156/127 2023
[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

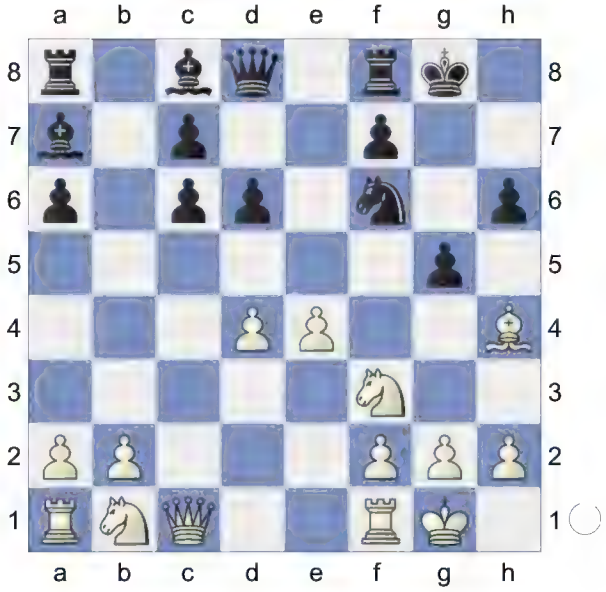
1.e4 Perunovic,Milos **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6**
[5...Nge7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 d5 9.0-0 dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0 11.h3 Bf5 12.Nc3 Bd6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.Be3 Na5 16.Bc2 Nc4 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Bc1 Qd7 19.Qd3 Nb6 20.a4 1-0 (80) Guido,F (2517)-Deschamps,Q (2631) Surabaya 1933 (4)]



6.d4
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nf1 h6 11.Bh4 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4 Bb6 14.bxa5 Bxa5 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.Ne3 Kh8 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.0-0 c6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 Rxb5 1-0 (42) Rodio,J (1831)-Do Amaral E Silva,L (1380) Catarinense-ch U20 Girls 2023 (2)]
6...Ba7 7.0-0N
[7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.dxe5 Nxe4 9.Qg4 Bxf2+ 10.Ke2 Qh4 11.Qxg7 Rf8 12.b4 A2) Ruy Lopez – Defenses Wi-Ruy Lopez – 3...a6 4.Ba4 Bc]
7...0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4
10.Qc1!? White is slightly better.
[10.Re1 - 142/123]
10...d6!



11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5!



13.Nxg5 hxg5
[13...Nxe4?! 1.56/17 13...hxg5 0.39

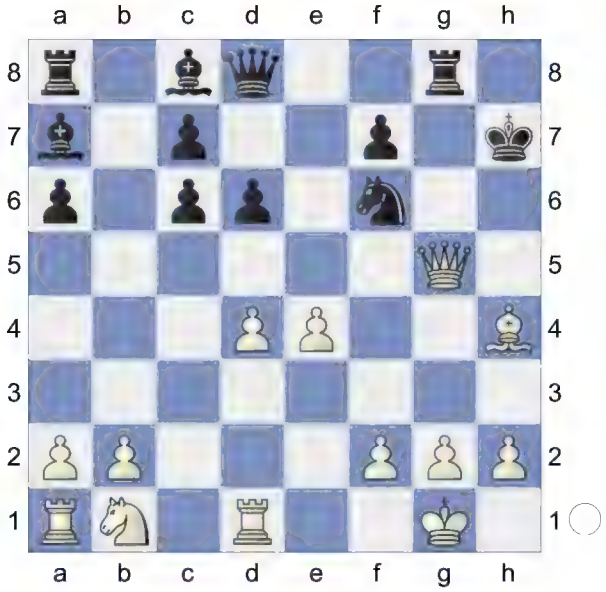
14.Nf3 Qd7 15.Qxh6 f5 16.Nc3 Qg7 Prevents Nxe4. 17.Qxg7+ Kxg7 18.Rfe1±]

14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1!

[15.Qxf6 -0.13/18 15.Rd1 0.33 Qxf6 16.Bxf6 Kg6 17.Bh4 Bxd4 18.Nc3 Rb8 19.Rad1 c5⩱]

15...Rg8

[15...Rb8 16.Rd3 *(16.b3* Threatening Nc3. *Rb4 17.Qxf6 Qxf6 18.Bxf6 Kg6 19.a3 Rxb3 20.Bh4! Rb2⩱; 16.Rd3!?; 16.Qxf6* Perunovic, Milos *Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Rxb2 18.Nc3 Rc2⩱)* 16...Rxb2 17.Nd2 Rg8 18.Qxf6 Qxf6 Repels Rc1 19.Bxf6 Rg6 20.Bd8 f5! 21.Re1 Rxa2 22.h4∞]



16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Diagram

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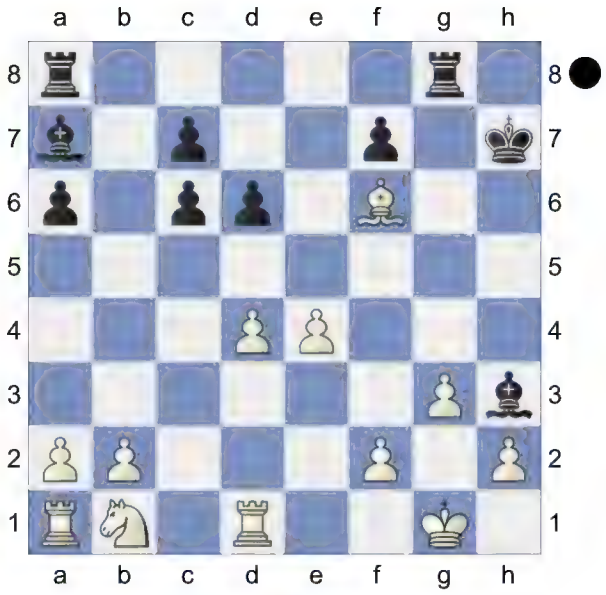
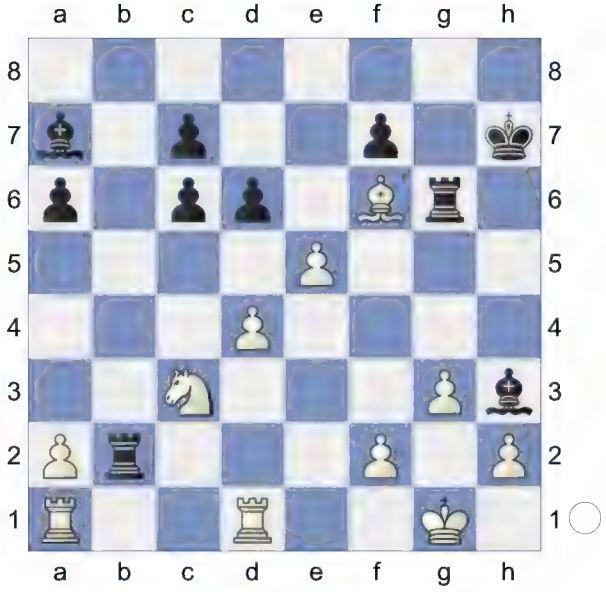


18...Rg6N 0.67/23

[18...Kg6! 19.e5 Rab8 20.b3 Bg4 21.Rd2 *(21.Nc3!?* 0.13/19 21.Na3 0.87 *Rb4!∞)* 21...Rb4 22.Na3 Rxd4 23.Nc4∞]

[18...Kg6= 0.24/21 19.e5 Rab8]

19.e5± Rb8 20.Nc3! Rxb2



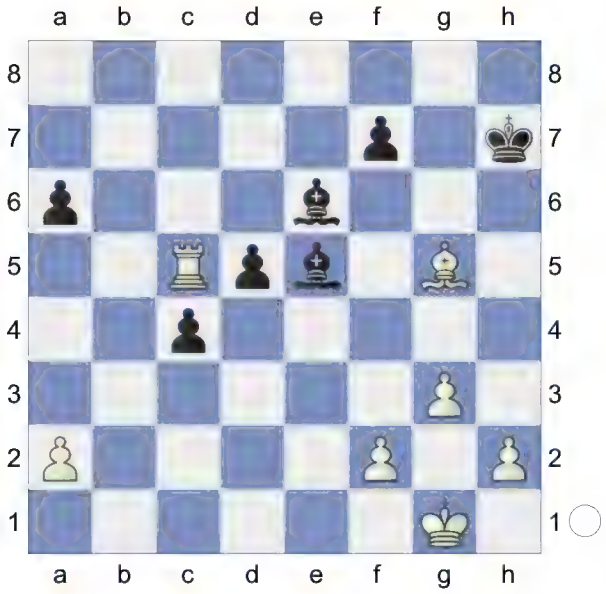
21.Rab1 Rxb1

[21...Rc2 22.Ne4 Bg4 23.Rdc1 Re2 24.Ng5+ Rxg5! 25.Bxg5 dxe5 26.Rxc6 Bb6!⩱ Perunovic,Milos: '⩱']

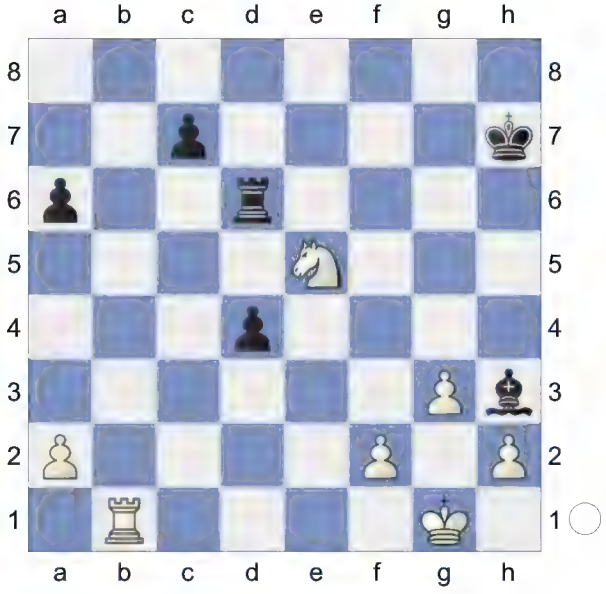
22.Nxb1 0.34/21 Diagram

[⌓22.Rxb1

A) 22...Bxd4 23.Ne4! dxe5 *(23...Bxe5* 1.60/22 *23...dxe5* 1.24 *24.Ng5+ Rxg5 25.Bxg5 c5 26.Rb7 c4 27.Rxc7 d5 28.Rc5 Be6*



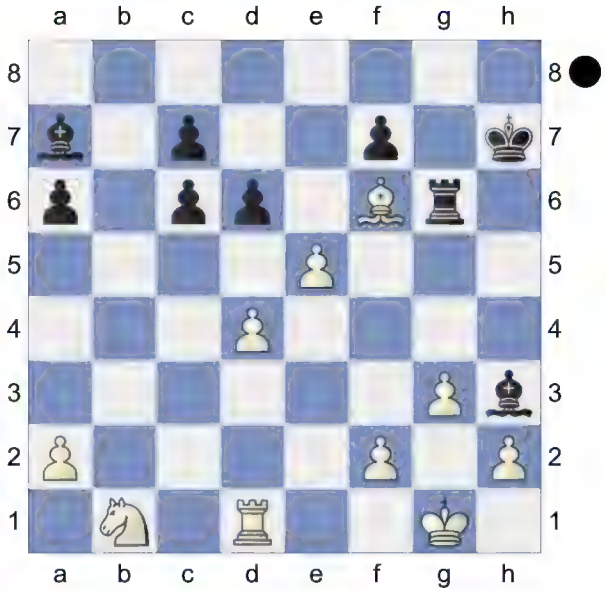
29.Kf1!± Perunovic,Milos: ' ±') 24.Ng5+ Kh6 25.Nxf7+ Kh7 Strongly threatening ...Bxf2+. 26.Bxe5 c5 27.Bxd4 cxd4 28.Ne5 Rd6



29.g4!± Perunovic,Milos: '±';

B) 22...Bf5 Repels Ne4 23.Rb4 Bb6 24.Rc4 dxe5 25.dxe5 Rg4 26.Rxg4 Bxg4 27.Ne4±]

[22.Rxb1± 0.91/21 dxe5 *(22...Bxd4 23.Ne4±)* 23.Bxe5]

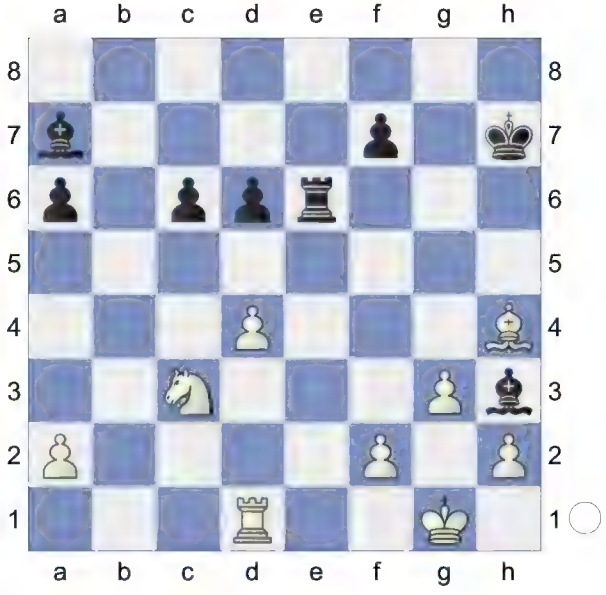


22...Rg4

[22...Rg8! 23.Nc3 Rb8!= Perunovic, Milos: '=']

23.exd6 cxd6 24.Nc3 Dodges Re4

24...Rg6 25.Bh4 Re6



26.f3! Re3 27.Ne4 Bf5

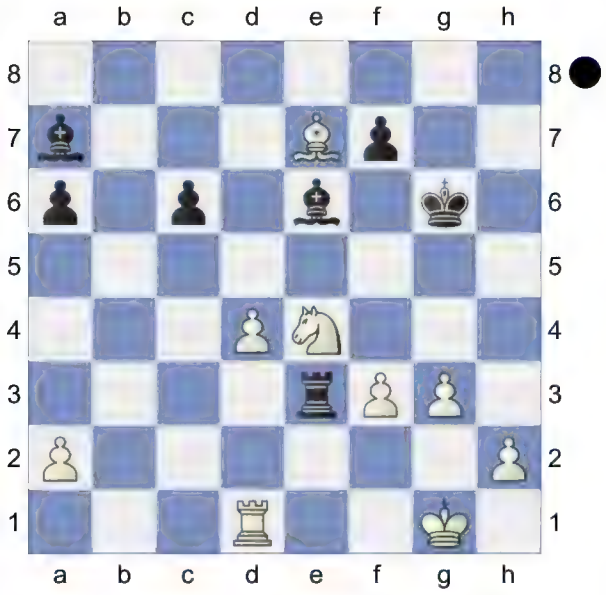
[⌓27...Kg6 28.Kf2 Ra3 29.g4 *(29.Rd2 Be6 30.Nxd6 Rxa2 31.Rxa2 Bxd4+ 32.Ke2 Bxa2=)*

29...f5! 30.gxf5+ Bxf5 31.Nxd6 Rxa2+ 32.Ke3 Be6≅]

28.Nxd6

[28.Kf2 0.29/20 28.Nf6+ 0.72 Ra3 29.Rd2 Be7 is the strong threat. Ra4 *(29...Kg6 30.Be7 Be6 31.Bxd6 Rxa2 32.Ke3±)* 30.Ke3±]

28...Be6 29.Ne4 Kg6 30.Be7 Diagram



30...f5?? 3.84/26

[30...Rxf3 31.Ng5 *(31.Bc5 Bd5 32.Bxa7 Bxe4=; 31.Rd2* -0.02/23 31.Ng5 0.38 *Bd5 32.Nc5 Ra3=)* 31...Rc3 32.Nxe6 fxe6 33.Bd6 Rc2 34.a4 Kf5=]

[30...Rxf3= 0.22/25 and Black stays safe. 31.Ng5 Rc3 32.Nxe6 fxe6]

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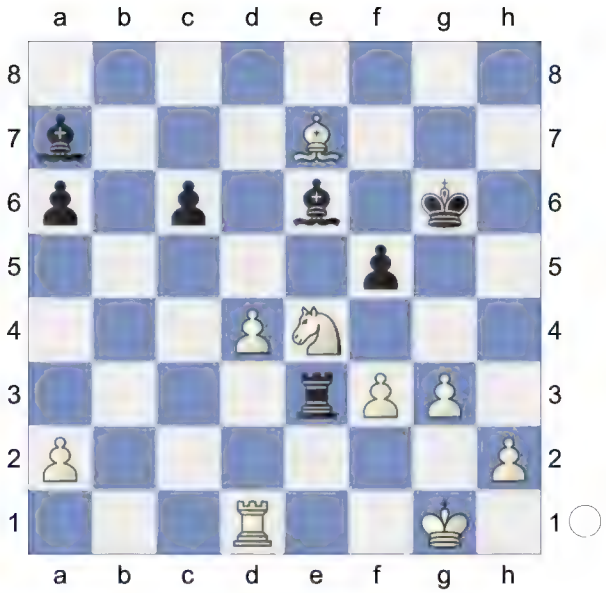

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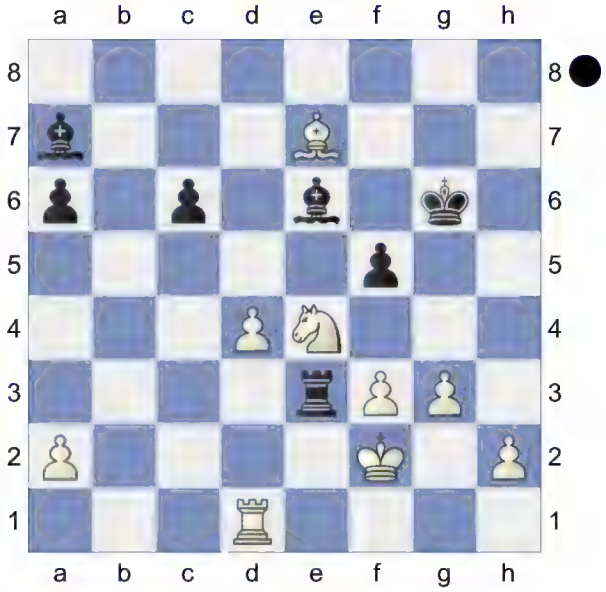
31.Kf2



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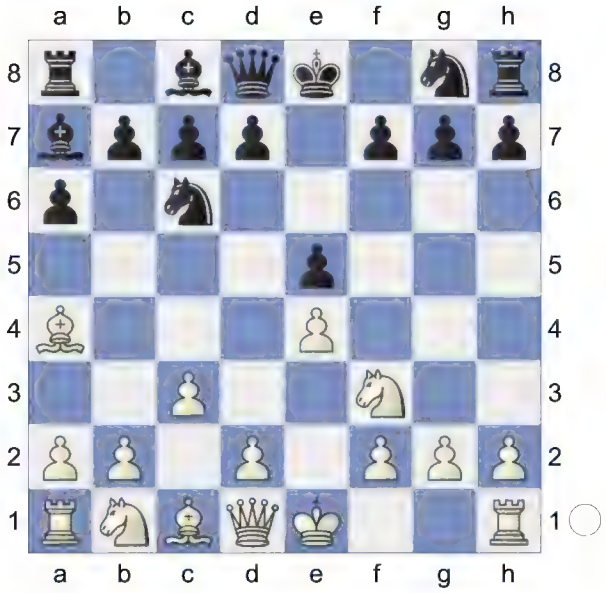
83 **C70**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2759**
■ **Grigoriants,S** **2543**
Titled Tue 9th Jan Late blitz (3) 09.01.24
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Ba7N

[5...Nf6 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nf1 h6 11.Bh4 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4 Bb6 14.bxa5 Bxa5 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.Ne3 Kh8 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.0-0 c6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 1-0 (42) Rodio,J (1831)-Do Amaral E Silva,L (1380) Catarinense-ch U20 Girls 2023 (2) Rxb5 21.Qc2 Qa7 22.c4 Rc5 23.Nd2 Bxd2 24.Qxd2 a5 25.Ra4 Rf8 26.Rfa1 Ra8 27.Nf1 Qa6 28.Qe3 Kh7 29.Rb1 Rf8 30.Nd2 Qa8 31.Nb3 Rb8 32.Qe1 Qb7 33.Nd2 Qc7 34.Rxb8 Qxb8 35.Qd1 1-0 (42) 13... ♖h7 and 17... ♖f7 189 (1831)-Ezat,A (1380) 145/(126) Douglas 2019 (2)]

[5...Nge7 6.0-0 *(6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 d5 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Bg4 12.Bxc6+ Qxc6 13.Re1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 15.d5 Qg6+ 16.Kh1 Qf5 17.c4 Rhe8 18.Rg1 Rad8 19.Be3 Kc8 20.Rxg7 Ng6* 6) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.d4 â-6 â-6B | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.exd5 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch *)* 6...Ng6 7.d3 0-0 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 d6 10.Nbd2 Kh8 11.Qe2 Qe7 12.Rf2 Nd8 13.Raf1 f6 14.d4 Nf7 15.h3 c5 16.Bb3 Bd7 17.Nh2 Ng5 18.Nhf3 Bb5 19.c4 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 0-1 (56) Troltenier,D (2174)-Aaditya,D (2448) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (2)]



6.d4 Nge7 1.03/19

[Black should play 6...Nf6!± 0.36/18 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 20.Nc3 Rxb2 21.Rab1 Rxb1 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]

7.d5± White is more active.

[Much worse is 7.Nxe5?! Nxe5 8.dxe5 Ng6=]

[7.dxe5 0-0=]

7...b5 1.50/21

[⌓7...Nb8 0.99/20]

8.Bc2 White is clearly better. **8...Na5 9.Nxe5 d6**

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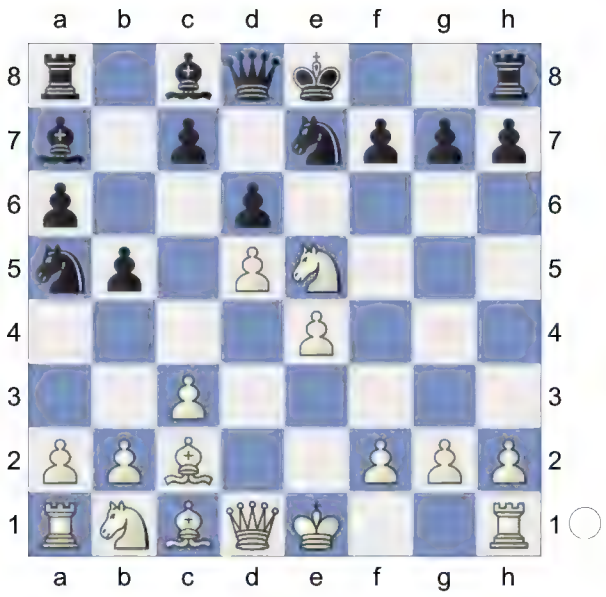
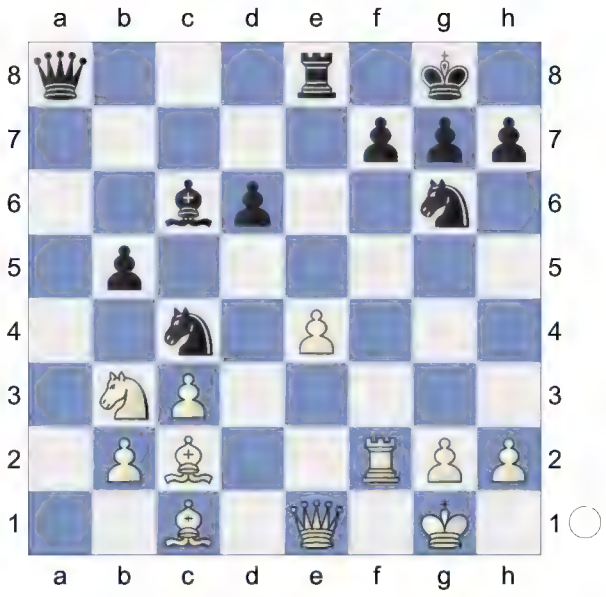


10.Nf3 Ng6

11.0-0 0-0 12.a4 Nc4 13.axb5 1.06/19
[⌓13.Nbd2 1.46/17]
13...axb5 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.Nd2 -0.19/23
[15.Kh1± 0.76/18]
15...Bxd4

(Diagram)

16.Rxa8 Bxf2+ 17.Rxf2 Qxa8 18.Nb3 c5 19.dxc6 Bxc6 20.Qe1 Re8



21.Re2 h6 22.Nd4 Bd7 23.h3 Qa7 24.Kh2 b4 25.Bb3 bxc3

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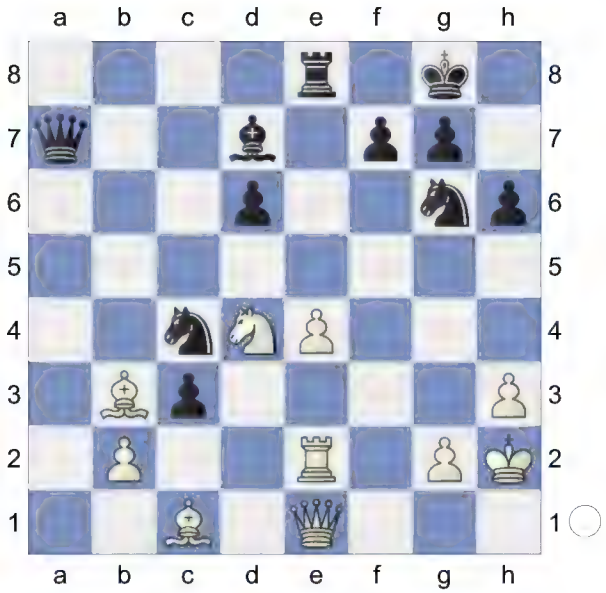
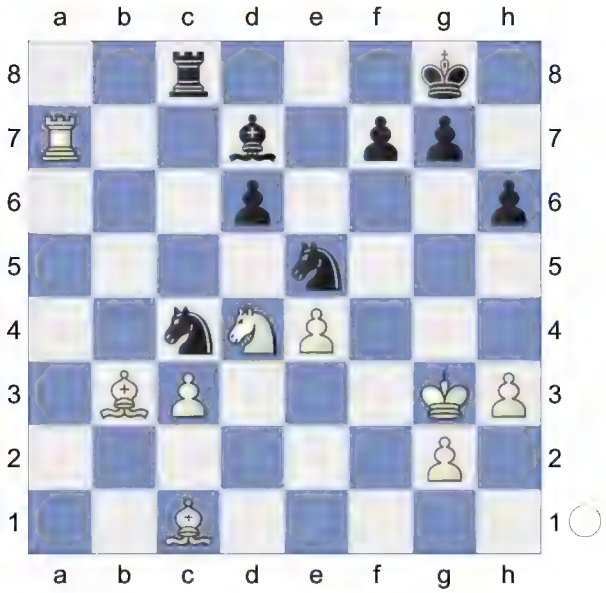
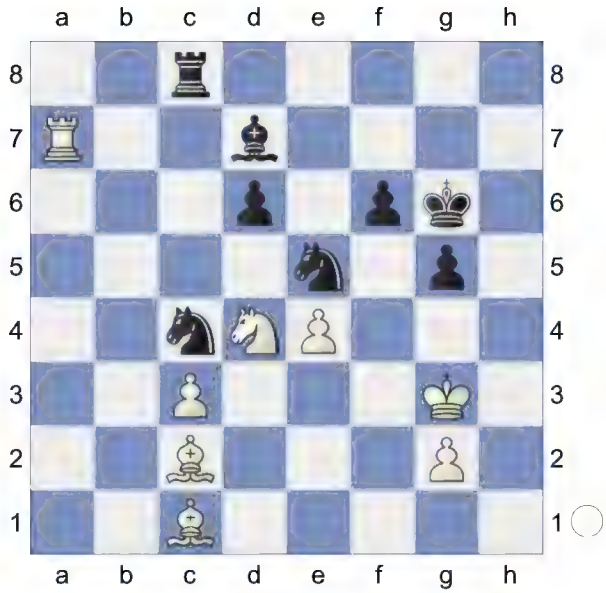


26.bxc3
[26.Qxc3!? Qb8 27.Kh1±]
26...Qc5 27.Qg3 Rc8 28.Ra2 Qe5 29.Ra7 Qxg3+ 30.Kxg3 Nge5



31.Bf4 Bxc4 is the strong threat. **31...g5 32.Bc1**
[32.Bxe5 simplifies Nxe5 33.c4 Kf8 34.Ra6]
32...Kg7 33.h4 Kg6 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.Bc2 f6

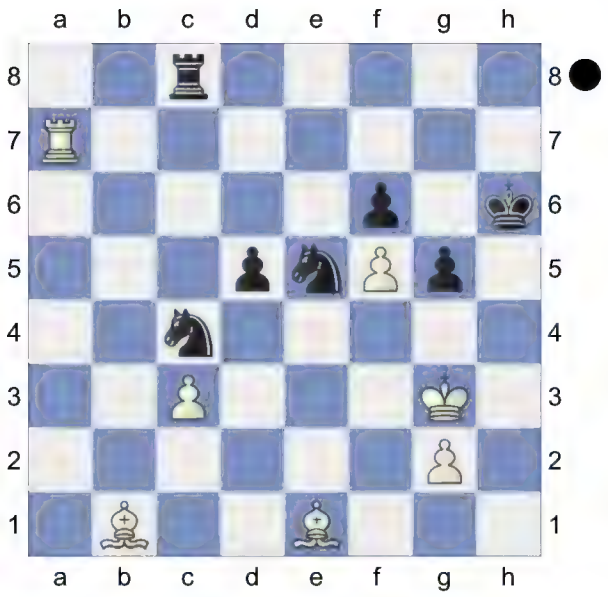
(Diagram)



36.Nf5 Bxf5 Remove Defender
37.exf5+ Kh6 38.Be4 Nb6 39.Bd2 d5 40.Bb1 -1.40/22
[40.Bf3= -0.27/22]
40...Nbc4∓

41.Be1 -1.80/19
[41.Bc1∓ -1.32/20 was worth a try.]

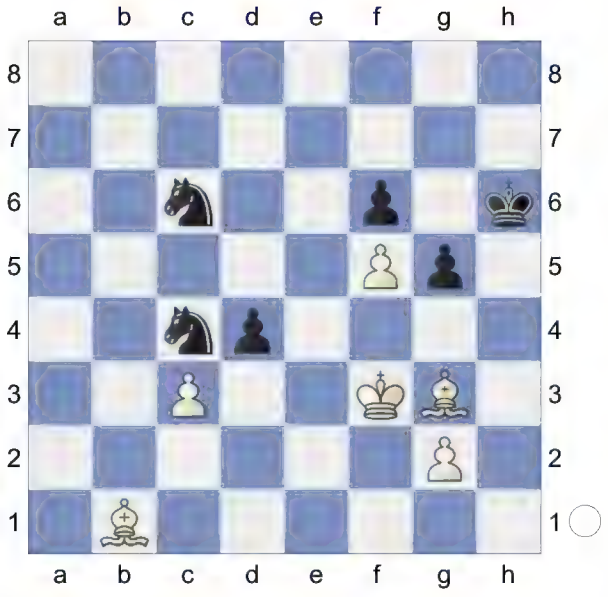
(Diagram)



41...Nd6? -0.03/20 A dynamic duo of knights.

[41...Rb8!-+ -1.80/19 42.Ba2 Ne3]

42.Ra6= Rc6 43.Rxc6 Nxc6 Endgame KBB-KNN **44.Kf3 d4 45.Bg3 Nc4**



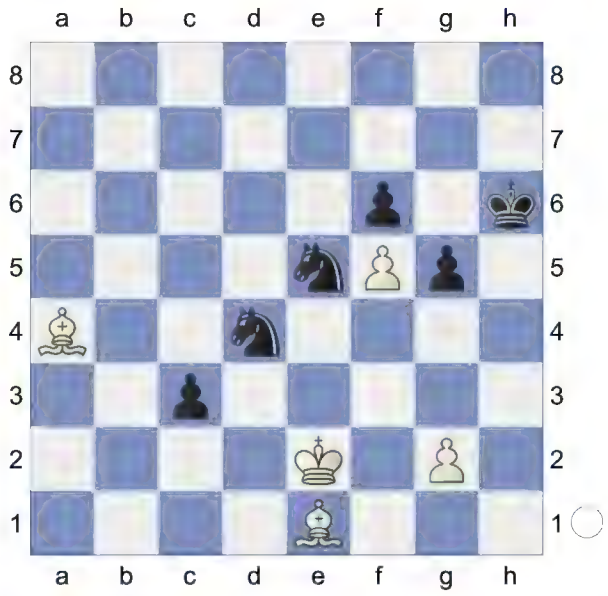
46.Ke2 Against Nd2 **46...dxc3 47.Be4?** -5.24/20

[47.Be1= -0.06/22]

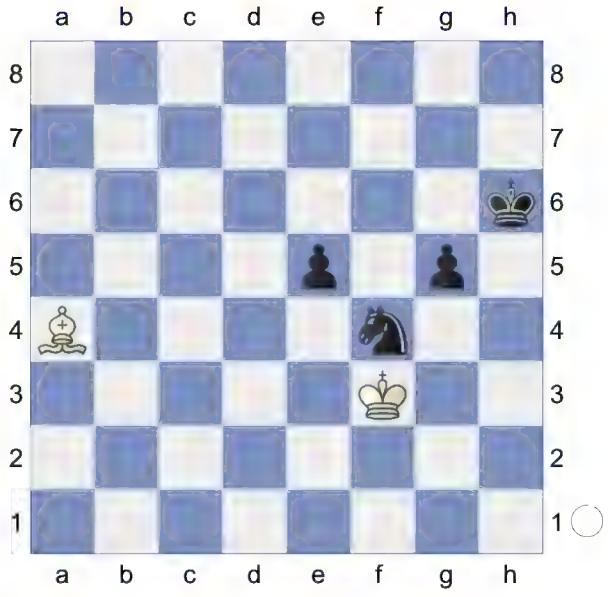
47...N6e5? 0.00/26

[47...Nd4+-+ -5.24/20 48.Ke1 c2 49.Bxc2 Nxc2+ 50.Ke2 Nd4+ 51.Kd3 Nxf5]

48.Be1 The position is equal. **48...Nd6 49.Bc2 Nb5 50.Ba4 Nd4+**



51.Kd1 Nxf5 52.Bxc3 Ne3+ 53.Ke2 Nxg2 And now ...Nf4+ would win. **54.Bxe5 fxe5** KB-KN. Black is two pawns up. **55.Kf3 Nf4**



56.Ke4 Inhibits Nd5. **56...Ng6 57.Kf5 Nh4+ 58.Kxe5 g4 59.Kf4 g3**

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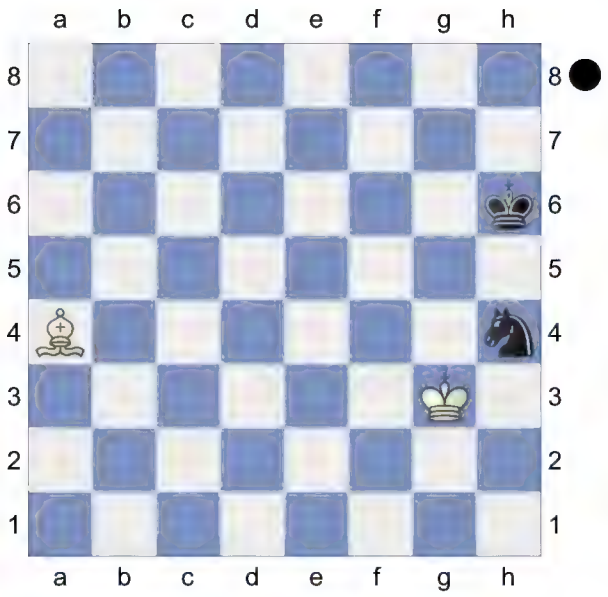
60.Kxg3

(Diagram)



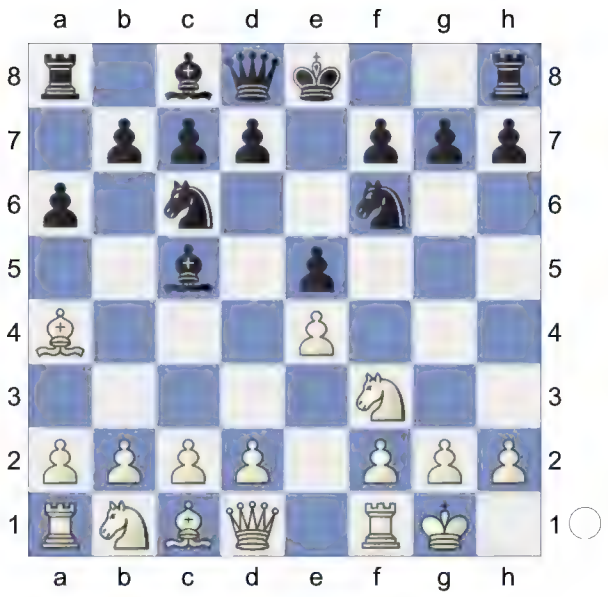
½-½

84 **C78**
□ **De Bruycker,Bernard** **2370**
■ **Gheorghiu,Florin** **2540**
EU-chT 06th Group2 (4) 15.01.1976
[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nf6

(Diagram)



6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.h3N

[8.Nc3

A) 8...h6 9.Nd5 *(9.Ne2 Na5 10.Ng3 0-0 11.Bd2 Nxb3 12.axb3 Re8 13.c4 Bd7 14.h3 Bb6 15.Qe2 Nh7 16.Ra2 c5 17.Rfa1 a5 18.Nh2 Ng5 19.Qh5 a4 20.Ng4 Ba5 21.Be3 axb3 22.Ra3 b4 23.Nxh6+ gxh6* 1-0 (34) Makarian,R (2547)-Namitbir,S (2347) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 2025 (5) *)* 9...Rb8 10.c3 0-0 11.Be3 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Ne7 14.Bb3 c5 15.Qe2 Qc7 16.Rf2 a5 17.a4 bxa4 18.Bxa4 Be6 19.Raf1 Rb6 20.c4 Rfb8 21.b3 f6 22.Ra1 Bd7 23.Bxd7 ½-½ (50) Naroditsky, D (2617)-Dubov,D (2708) Speed Chess Q2 KO blitz 2022 (1.4);

B) 8...0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.c3 Ba7 13.a4 b4 14.h3 bxc3 15.bxc3 Rb8 16.a5 Ne7 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Bc4 c6 19.Qa4 Qc7 20.Rab1 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 d5 22.Ba2 Be6 Lopez,R-6. ♗b3 ♗c5 7.d3 d6_54323 Survey 2021;

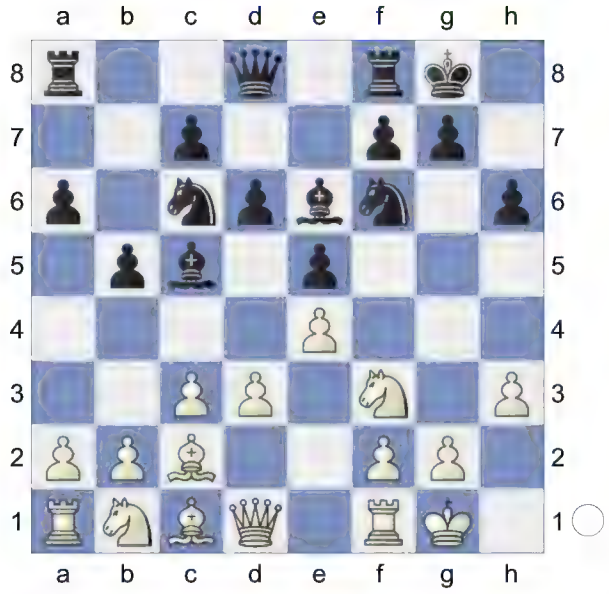
C) 8...Bg4 9.Ne2 Qd7 10.c3 Bxf3

11.gxf3 Qh3 12.Ng3 h5 13.Re1 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 15.Ke3 Qxg3 16.Kd2 a5 17.a3 h4 18.Kc2 h3 19.Rg1 Qf2+ 20.Bd2 h2 21.Rh1 Rh3 22.Qf1 Qg3 23.Be1 0-1 (44) Taowal,P-Moses,K 6. ♗c4 ♕e7 1994 (1);

D) 8...Na5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Nxb3 12.axb3 h5 13.h4 Bg4 14.hxg5 h4 15.Bh2 h3 23. Ruy Lopez: 5. d3 & 5. Nc3-5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.O-O d6 #1]

8...0-0 9.c3 Be6 10.Bc2 h6? 2.19/17

[10...d5= 0.20/22 and Black is okay.]

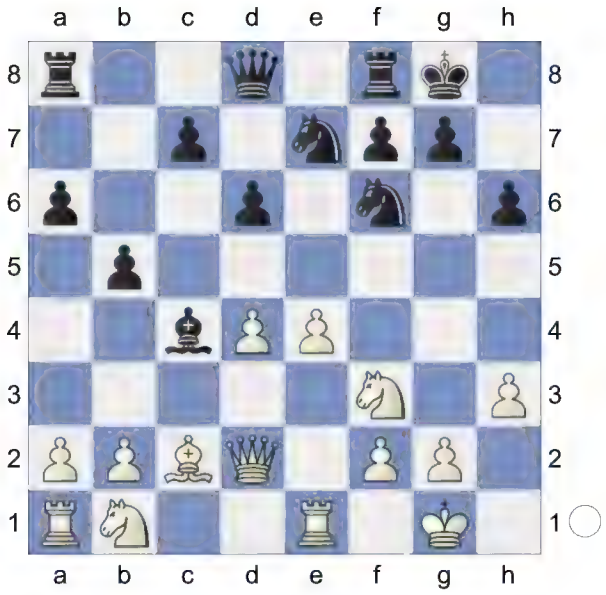


11.d4+- exd4 White is clearly better.
12.cxd4 Bc4 13.Re1 Bb4 14.Bd2 Bxd2 15.Qxd2

[15.Nbxd2?! Nb4±]

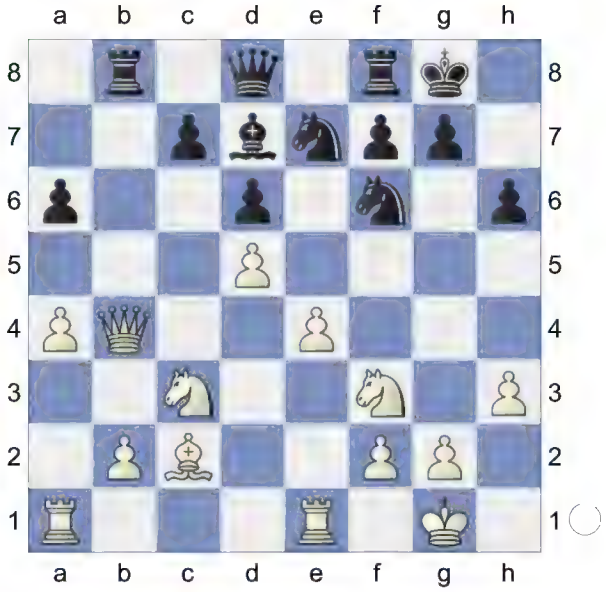
15...Ne7

(Diagram)



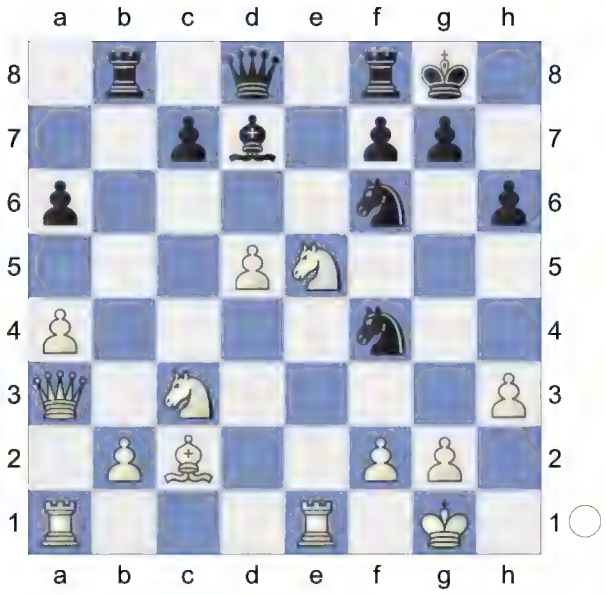
16.d5! b4 17.b3

[17.Qxb4 Bb5 18.a4 Prevents c6. Bd7 19.Nc3 Rb8



20.Qa3! Ng6 21.e5 1.05/19 *(21.Bd3+-* 1.83/17 *)* 21...dxe5 1.56/18 (Black should play *21...Nxe5* 1.05/19 *22.Nxe5 dxe5)* 22.Nxe5 1.03/19 *(22.Bxg6* 1.56/18 Strongly threatening Bd3. *fxg6 23.Nxe5)* 22...Nf4 1.53/18 *(⌓22...Nxe5* 1.03/19 *23.Rxe5 c5)*

(Diagram)

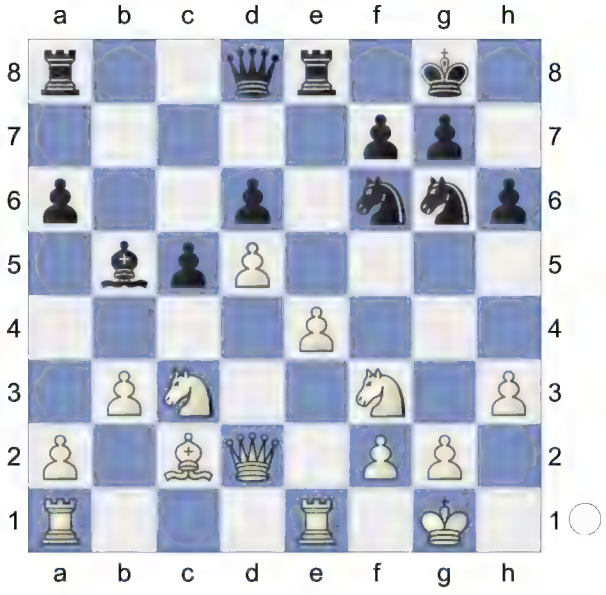


23.Nxd7 0.37/17 *(23.Rad1!± 1.53/18)* 23...Qxd7]

17...Bb5 18.Qxb4 c5 2.28/20

[18...c6± 1.60/19 was called for.]

19.Qd2 Ng6 20.Nc3 Re8



21.Nxb5 axb5 22.Bd3 0.92/22

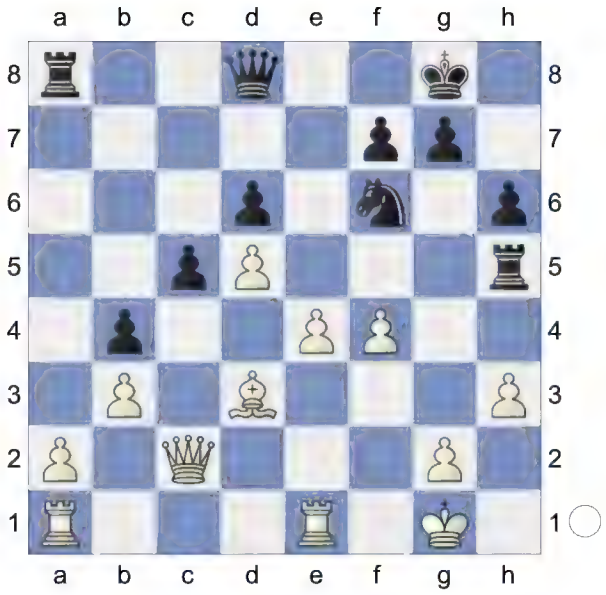
[White should try 22.a4 1.50/19]

22...b4± 23.Qc2 Ne5 1.66/19

[23...Nd7± 0.87/18]

24.Nxe5+- Rxe5 25.f4 Rh5

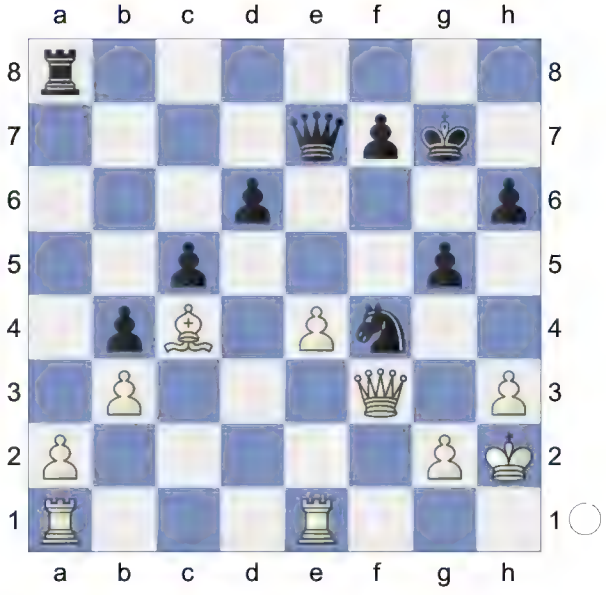
(Diagram)



26.Qe2 1.19/16

[26.Qf2+- 2.74/17 has better winning chances.]

26...Nxd5? 4.22/19 **27.Qxh5 Nxf4 28.Qf3 g5 29.Bc4** White is clearly winning. **29...Kg7 30.Kh2 Qe7⇄**



31.Rf1 Qe5 6.37/18

[⌓31...Ra7 4.54/17 32.g3 Ng6]

32.g3+- Qb2+ 33.Qf2 Qxf2+ 34.Rxf2 Ne6 35.Raf1 Ra7

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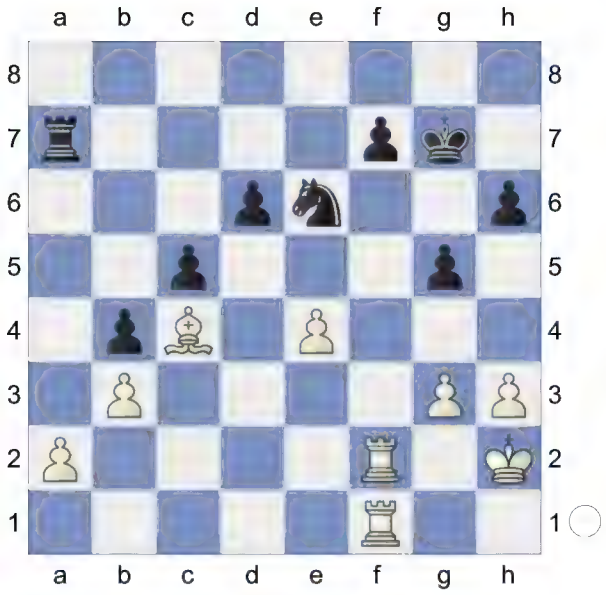
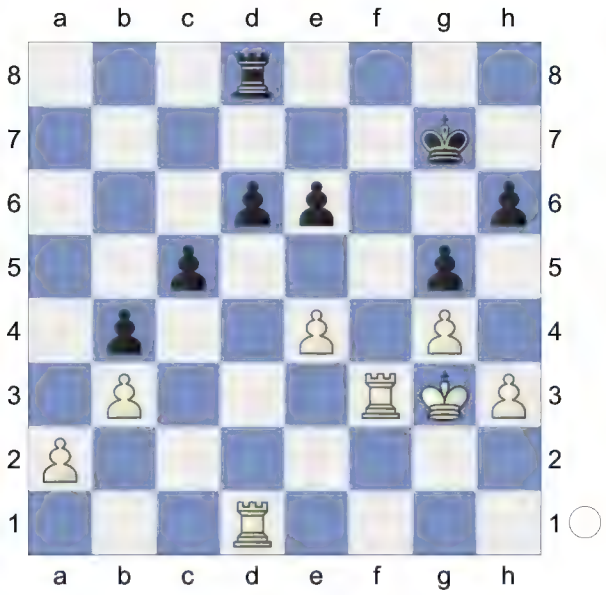


36.Bxe6 fxe6 37.Rd1 Rd7 38.g4 Rd8 39.Kg3 Rd7 40.Rf3 Rd8



41.Rfd3 d5 42.exd5 e5 43.d6 Rd7 44.Re3 Kf6 45.Rd5 Rd8

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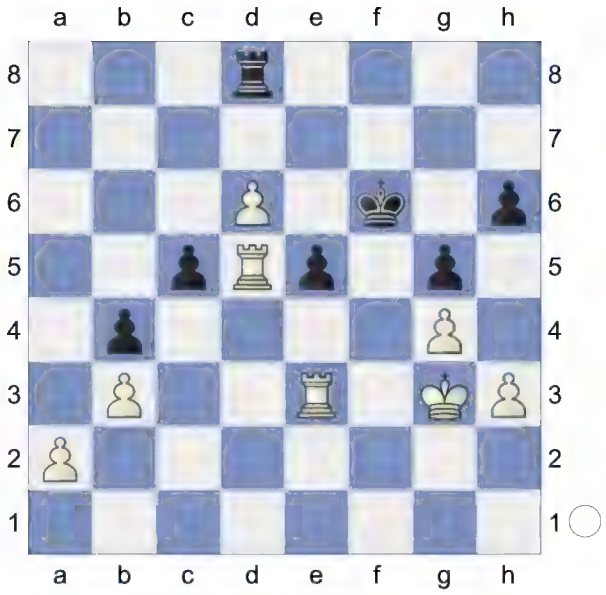
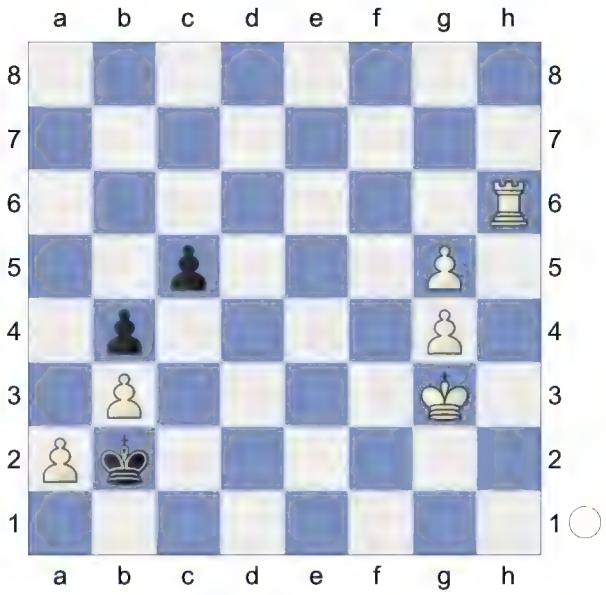


46.Rexe5 Rxd6 47.Rxd6+ Kxe5 48.Rxh6 Kd4 49.h4 Kc3 50.hxg5 Kb2



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51.Ra6

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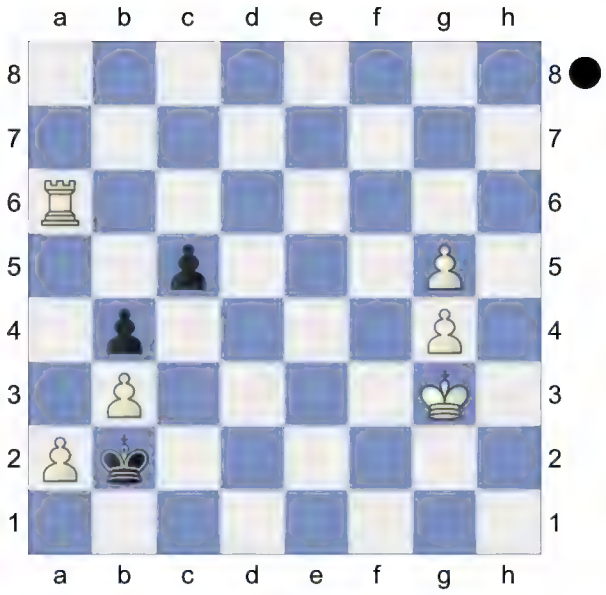

An unexpected result.
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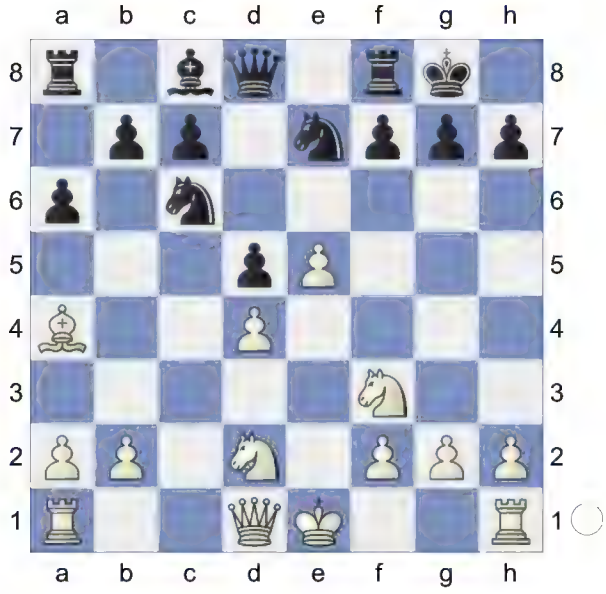
85 **C70**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2792**
■ **Halkias,S** **2527**
World Rapid 2021 (4.14) 26.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 GM Ioannis Papaioannou **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**

(Diagram)

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d5 10.e5 0-0**



11.0-0 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rac1 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: '14.Qxb7 would have run into 14...Rfb8, but after 15.Rac1, White renews the threat on the b7 pawn.' **15...Nd8**

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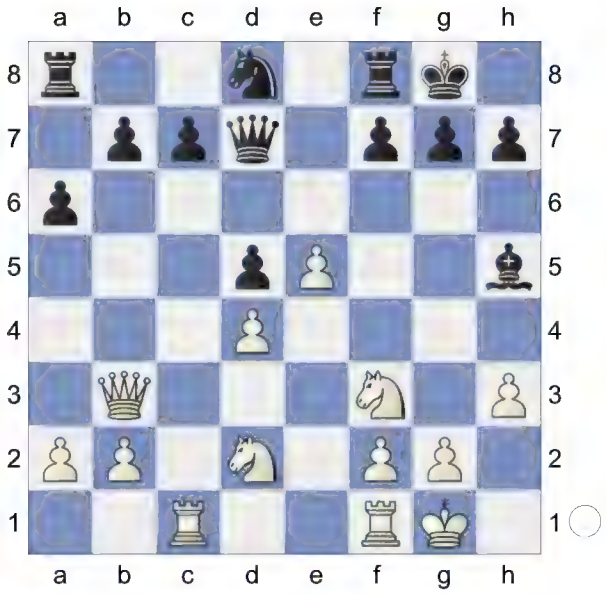
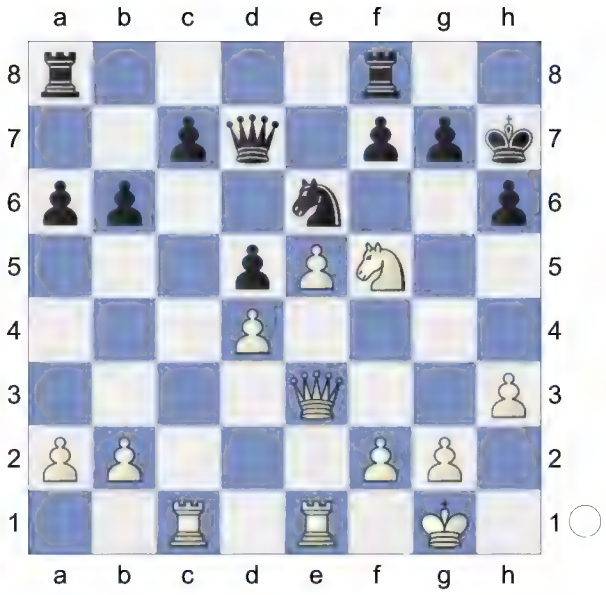
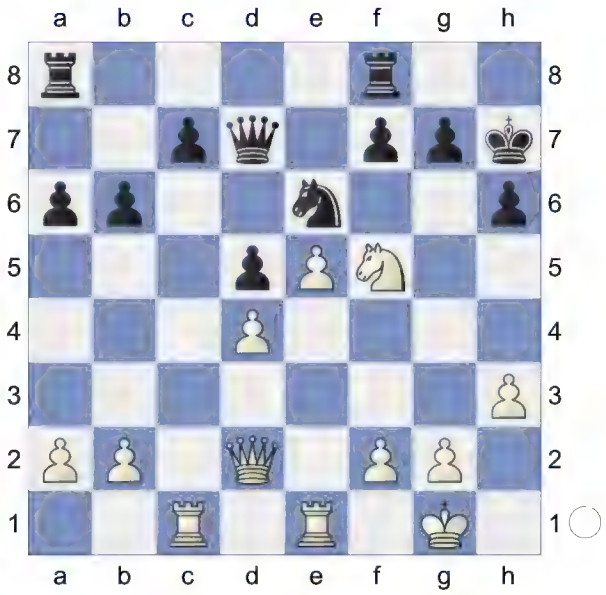


16.Rfe1N 0.00/20
[16.Qe3± 0.62/19 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Ne6 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.f4 Rf7 21.Rf3 Raf8 22.Rcf1 Qa4 23.a3 Qb5 24.b3 b6 25.Rc1 a5 26.Kh2 Qd7 27.a4 Kh8 28.Rc2 Kg8 29.Qc1 Qe7 30.Rc6 Kh8 31.Qc2 1-0 (71) Caruana,F (2766)-Yu Yangyi (2729) Airthings Masters Div 2 W rapid 2023 (5.1)]
16...Ne6= 17.Qe3
[17.Qxb7 Rfb8 18.Qc6 Qxc6 19.Rxc6 Rxb2∓]
17...Bxf3 0.37/20
[17...Qe7= 0.00/20]
18.Nxf3± h6 19.Nh4 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'With a possibility of pushing f4-f5.' **19...b6** 0.93/19
[19...Qe7!= 0.16/18 20.Nf5 Qd7]
20.Nf5↑ White is really pushing. **20...Kh7**

(Diagram)

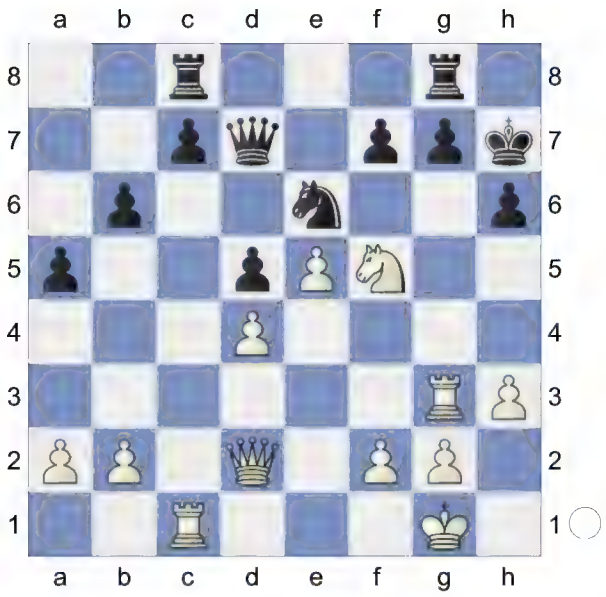


21.Qd3 Kh8 22.Qd2 Inhibits Nf4. White has more active pieces. **22...Kh7**

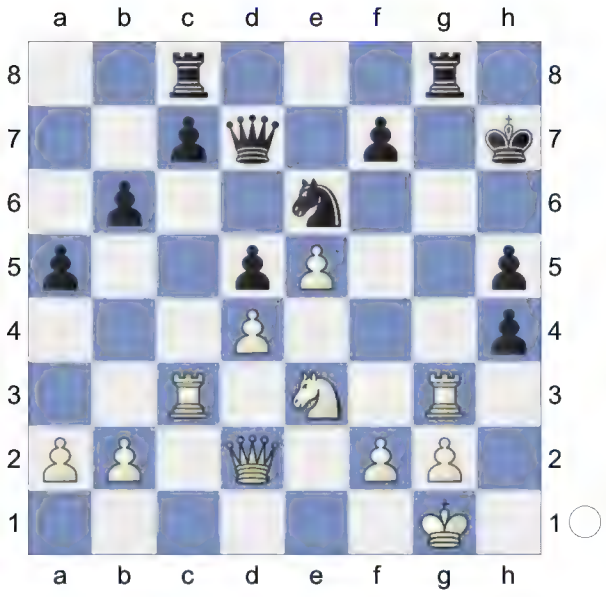


23.Rc3! This costs Black the game.
23...a5? 2.62/16
[23...Rae8± 1.01/19 is a better defense.]
24.Rg3+- White threatens Rxg7+! and mate. **24...Rg8 25.Rc1 Rac8**

(Diagram)

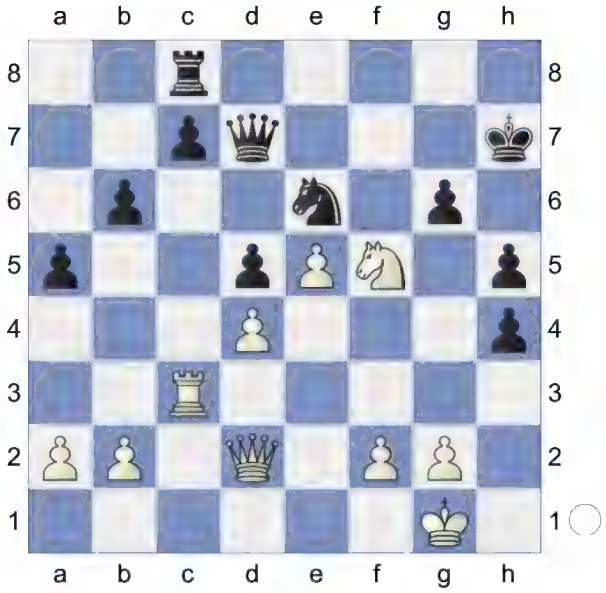


26.Rcc3 Hoping for Rxg7+!. **26...g5**
[26...Ng5 GM Ioannis Papaioannou 27.Rxg5 hxg5 28.Qxg5+-]
27.Ne3 1.68/17
[⩲27.Qc2 2.84/21]
27...h5 3.14/20
[⩲27...Rg6 1.68/17 28.Rc2 Nf4]
28.h4 gxh4? 6.03/20
[28...Rg6 2.31/18 29.hxg5 c6]



29.Nf5! White is clearly winning.
29...Rg6 Prevents Qh6+
[29...Rg4 30.Qh6+]

30.Rxg6 Remove Defender
[30.Nxh4 Rxg3 31.Rxg3 Rg8 32.Qd3+ Kh8±]
30...fxg6



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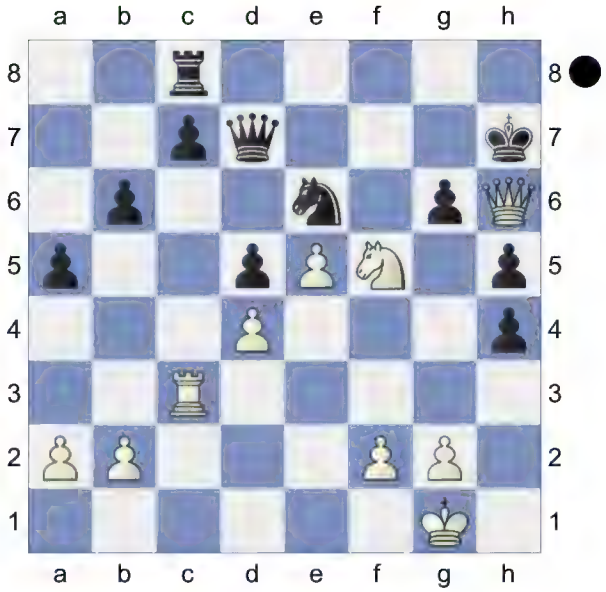
31.Qh6+
[Weaker is 31.Nxh4 Rf8±]



Deflection
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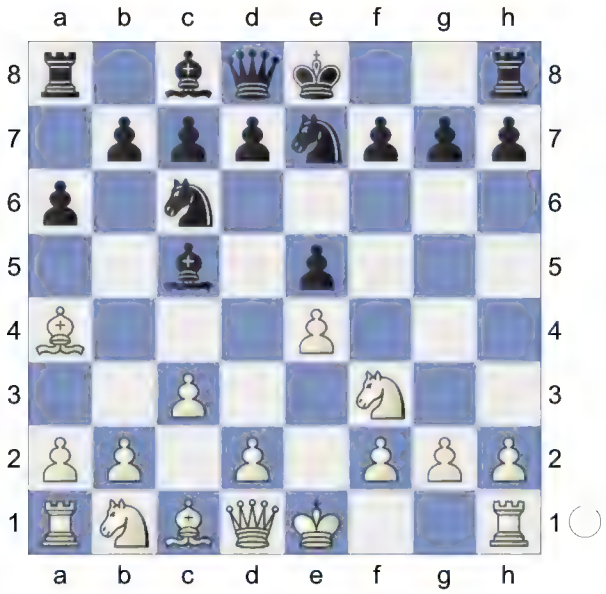
86 **C64**
□ **Freitag,Manfred** **2340**
■ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2519**
AUT-chT 2425 (1.6) 09.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

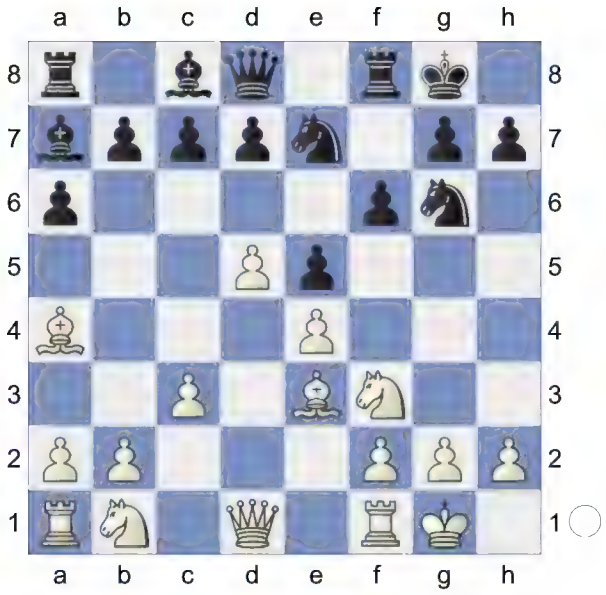
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7



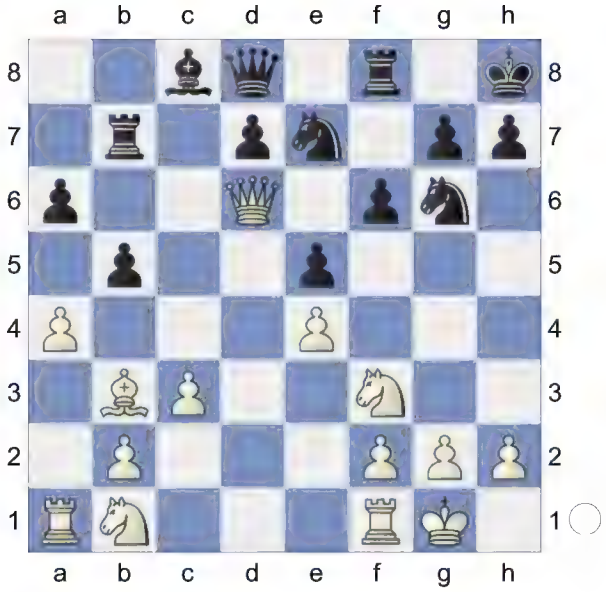
6.0-0 Ba7! 6...Ba7 is the recent fashion. 6...La7 ist aktuell in Mode. **7.d4 Ng6 8.Bg5 f6** White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0 10.d5 Nce7**

(Diagram)



11.d6 cxd6 12.Bxa7 -0.37/23
[12.Qxd6= 0.13/20 Bb8 13.Bb3+ Kh8 14.Qd3]

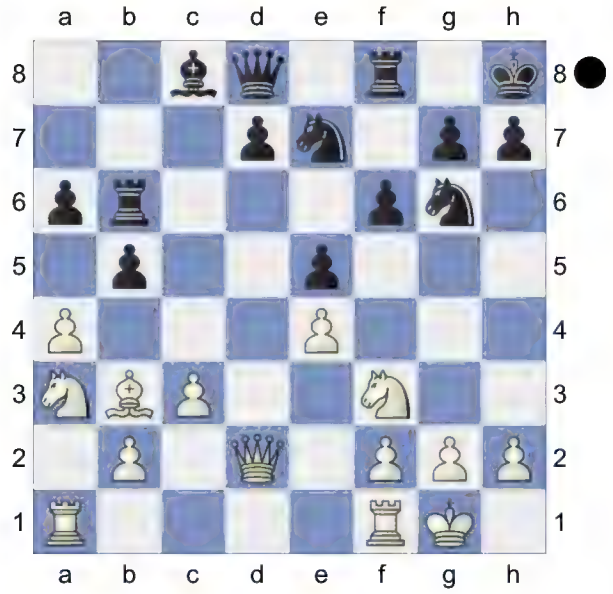
12...Rxa7∓ 13.Qxd6 b5 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.a4 Rb7



16.Na3N -1.00/23
[16.Qxa6 Nc6 17.axb5 Ra7 18.Qxa7 Nxa7 19.Rxa7 Qb6]
[16.axb5∓ -0.35/21 Rb6 17.Qd1 axb5 18.Nbd2 Bb7 19.c4 f5 20.Bc2 fxe4 21.Ng5 Nf5 22.Ngxe4 Nf4 23.Nf3 bxc4 24.Nxe5 Nd4 25.Re1 Nxc2 26.Qxc2 Re6 27.Qc3 Qe7

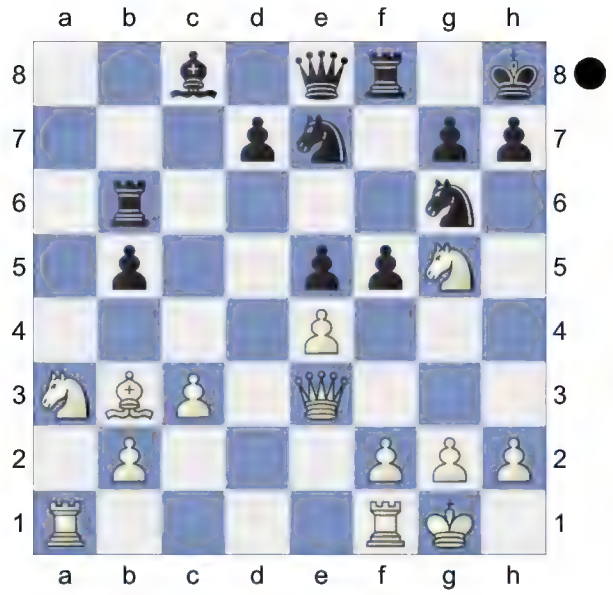
28.Ra5 d6 29.Ng5 Rxe5 30.Raxe5 dxe5 31.Rxe5 Qf6 32.Qc2 0-1 Tari,A (2625)-Van Foreest,J (2671) Tata Steel 83rd 2021 (7)]

16...Rb6!∓ 17.Qd2



f5! 18.Rad1N -2.17/22

[18.Ng5 Qe8 -0.75/20 Prevents Nf7+ *(18...fxe4* -1.21/22 ...Nf4 is the strong threat. *19.Nf7+ Rxf7 20.Bxf7 Nf4)* 19.axb5∓ axb5 20.Qe3



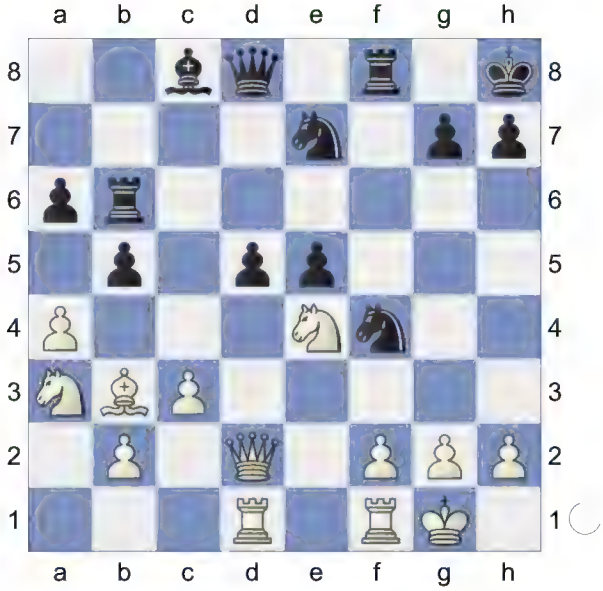
Rbf6! 21.f4? -2.40/19 *(21.Nxh7∓* -0.75/23 *Kxh7 22.Qh3+ Nh4 23.Qxh4+ Rh6 24.Qg5)* 21...Nxf4-+ 22.g3 Nfg6 -1.49/19 *(Black should play 22...h6-+* -2.55/21 *23.gxf4 exf4 24.Rxf4 hxg5)* 23.Nxb5∓ h6 -0.11/18 *(23...f4∓* -1.59/21 *24.Qc5 h6)* 24.exf5! 1-0 Dau,K (2373)-Srihari,L (2497) Budapest Lengyel Memorial GM 2nd 2024 (6)]

[18.Ng5∓ -1.04/19 d5 19.exd5 *(19.Bxd5? fxe4 20.c4 Nxd5-+)*]

18...fxe4-+ 19.Ng5 d5 20.Nxe4? -3.11/18

[20.a5∓ -1.50/19 Rc6 21.Nc2 *(21.Bxd5?* too greedy. *Rd6-+)*]

20...Nf4



21.Rfe1 White is weak on the light squares **21...Rh6**

[21...Rg6? 22.Ng3-+]

22.Qe3 bxa4 23.Ba2 Bg4 Black is clearly winning. **24.Ng3 Bxd1 25.Rxd1** Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.05 (flawless)

25...Neg6

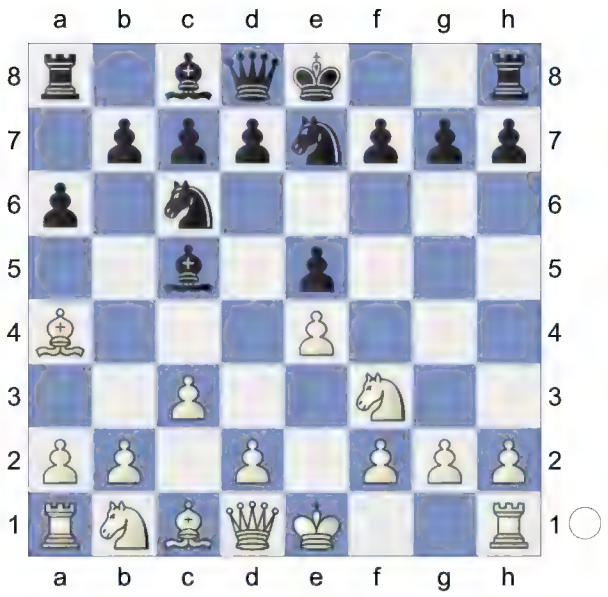
(Diagram)

0-1

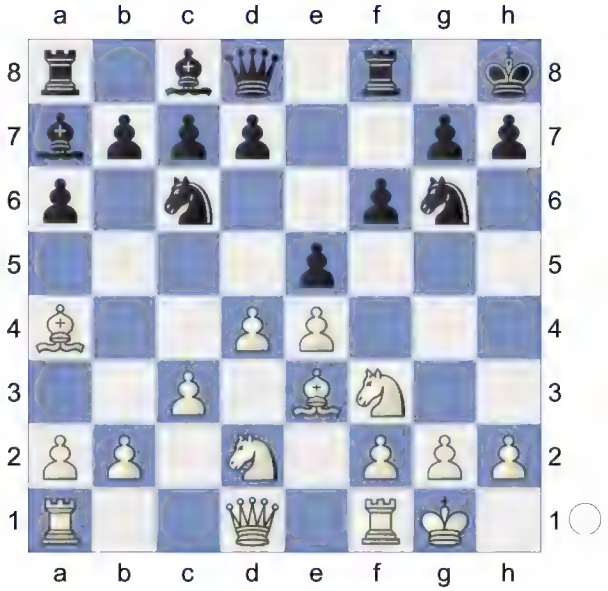
87 **C64**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2556**
■ **Makarian,Rudik** **2505**
The Game has begun U20 (2) 30.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

(Diagram)



6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Nbd2! The main line 10.Nbd2 scores better than 10.d5.Die Hauptvariante 10. Sbd2 punktet besser als 10.d5. **10...Kh8**



11.Re1 d6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4
[13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 f5 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.Nf3 fxe4 17.Rxe4 Bf5 18.Re3 b5 19.Bb3 c5 20.a4 c4 21.Qd4 Raf7 22.Bd1 d5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ne5 Nxe5 25.Rxe5 Be4 26.f3 Rf4 27.fxe4 Rf1+ 1-0 (60) Dominguez Perez,L (2760)-Nabaty,T

(2678) Netanya Masters 2019 (4)]

13...Nce7 **14.Nf1!?N** An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 14.Bc2 c6 15.Nf1 f5 0.94/18 *(15...d5!= 0.25/19)* 16.exf5 0.43/20 *(16.Bg5± 0.94/18)* 16...Bxf5± 17.Ng3 -0.06/19 *(17.Bb3!± 0.54/20)* 17...Qd7 0.75/20 *(17...Bxc2= -0.06/19 18.Qxc2 Qd7)* 18.Nxf5± Nxf5 19.Ng5 aiming for Qh5. h6 20.Qg4 1-0 (72) Martinez Alcantara,J (2591)-Makarian,R (2534) Chess.com INT 2022 Rad8 21.Nf3 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Qxg4 23.hxg4 Ne7 24.g5 c5 25.Rad1 cxd4 26.exd4 Nc6 27.Kh2 Rxf3 28.gxf3 Nxd4 29.Rxd4 Bxd4 30.gxh6 gxh6 31.Re7 Bxb2 32.Rxb7 Be5+ 33.Kh3 Rf8 34.Be4 Rf4 35.Ra7 1-0 (72) Martinez Alcantara,J (2591)-Makarian,R (2534) Titled Tue 21st Jun Early blitz 2022 (4)]

14...d5

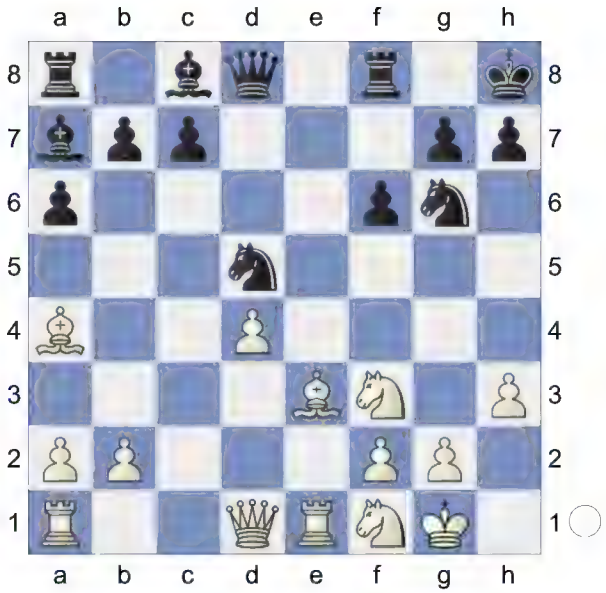
[14...c6 15.Rc1 f5 16.Bg5 fxe4 17.Rxe4 h6 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Qe2 Ng6 20.Ng3 d5 21.Re3 Nf4 22.Qd2 Bxh3 23.gxh3 Qd7 24.Qe1 Nxh3+ 25.Kh2 Qg4 26.Bd1 Nf4 27.Kg1 h5 28.Nh2 Qh3 29.Qf1 0-1 (52) Ilamparthi,A (2505)-Dyachuk,A (2293) Wch U20 62nd 2025 (10)]

15.exd5N

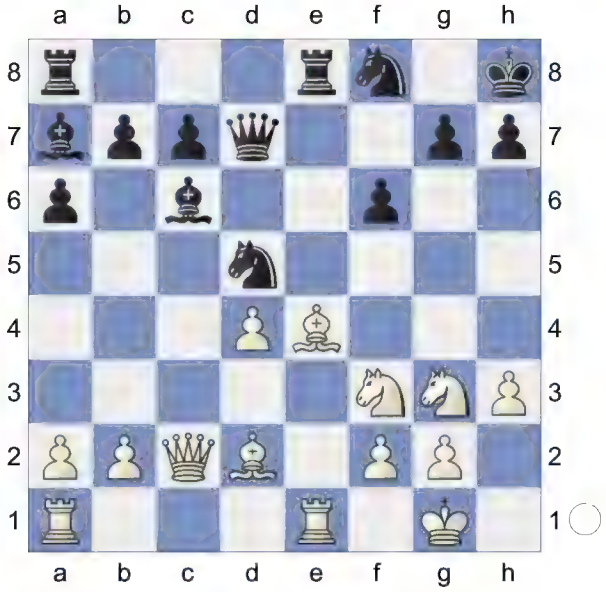
[15.e5 Nf5 16.Bc2 fxe5 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.dxe5 Qf7 19.Ne3 c6 20.Ng4 Be6 21.Bd2 h6 22.Rc1 Nfh4 23.Bb4 Nxf3+ 24.Qxf3 Qxf3 25.gxf3 Nh4 26.Bxf8 Nxf3+ 27.Kf1 Rxf8 28.Re2 h5 29.Kg2 Nd4 0-1 (46) If1 (2373)-Tarielashvili,D (2553) Budapest FS09 GM 2023 (5.3)]

15...Nxd5

(Diagram)



16.Bd2 Bd7 17.Bc2 Re8 18.Be4 Bc6 19.Qc2 Nf8 20.Ng3 Qd7



21.h4 Re6 0.83/18

[21...Ne7± 0.40/20]

22.Bf5± Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1

[23.Nxe1 Ne6∓]

23...Qf7 24.Bd3 0.42/19 White has more active pieces.

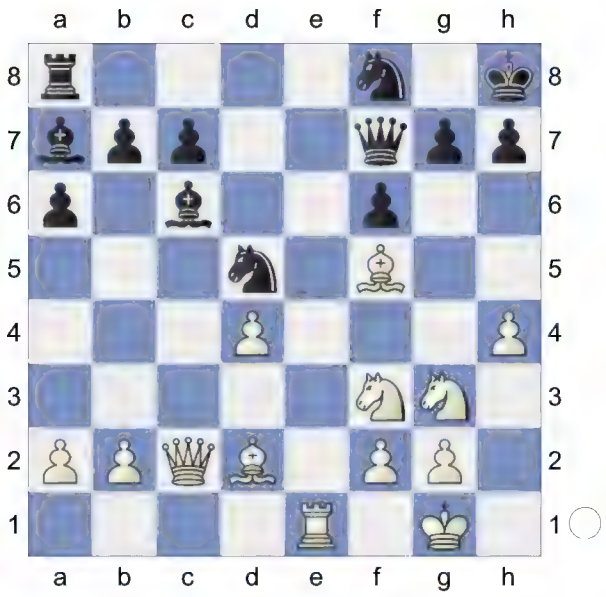
[24.h5± 0.84/20]

24...Qd7 0.94/18

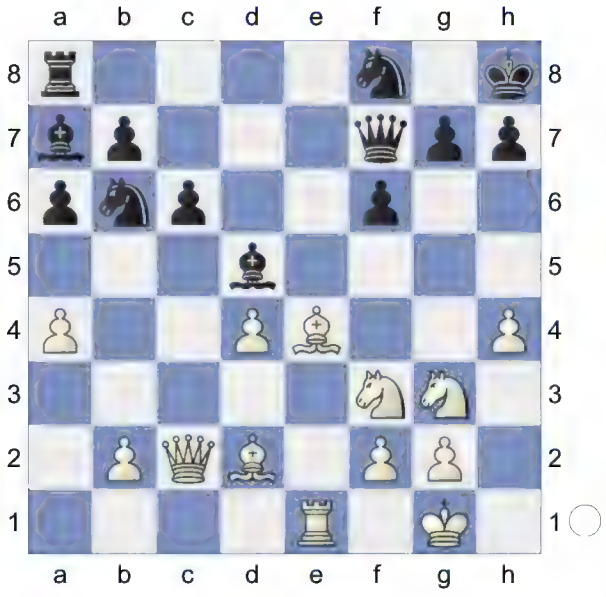
[24...Re8!± 0.42/19]

25.Bf5 Qf7

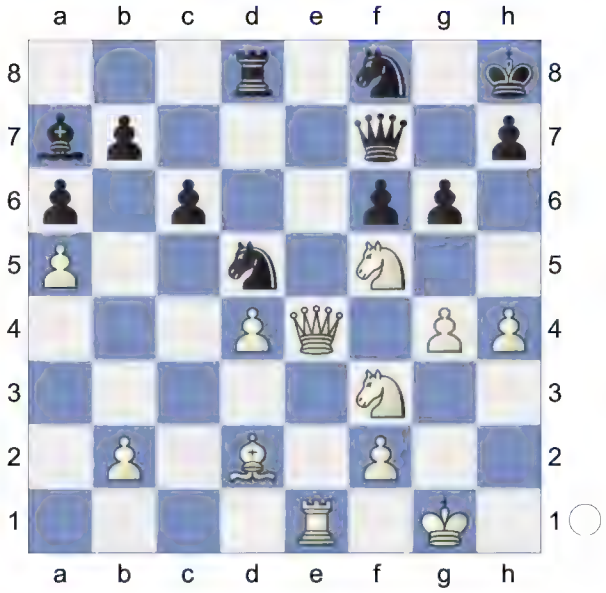
(Diagram)



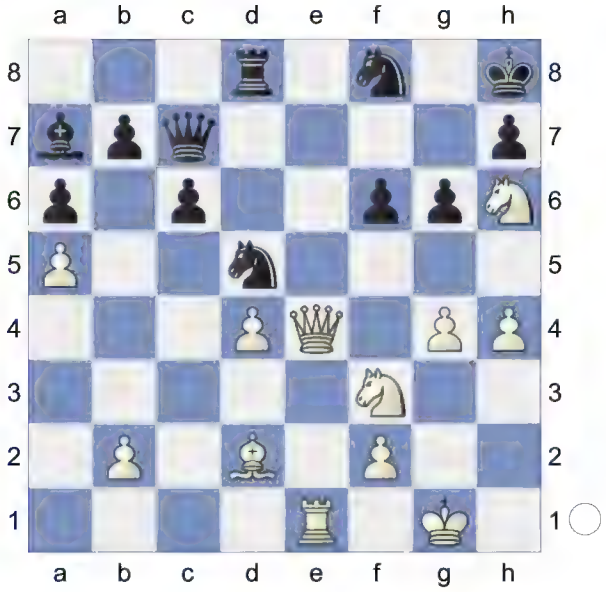
26.Bd3 Qd7 1.27/19
[26...Re8!± 0.46/17]
27.Bf5 0.82/18
[⌓27.h5! 1.27/19]
27...Qf7! 28.Bd3 0.00/19
[Better is 28.h5± 0.82/18]
28...Nb6 0.84/18
[28...Qd7!= 0.00/19 keeps the balance.]
29.Be4 Black is weak on the dark squares **29...Bd5 30.a4** 0.44/20
[30.h5± 1.11/22]
30...c6



31.a5 Bxe4! 32.Qxe4 Nd5 33.Nf5 Rd8 34.g4 g6? 1.65/21
[34...h5!= -0.05/18]

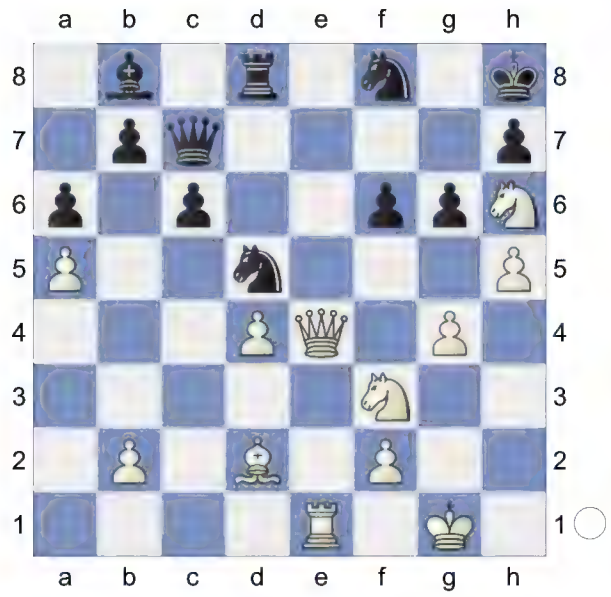


35.Nh6!+- Qc7



36.h5 Bb8 2.83/18
[36...Qg7± 1.33/16]

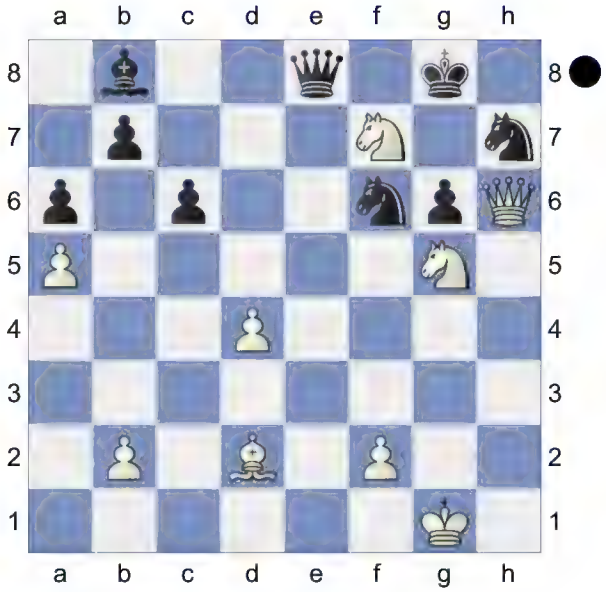
(Diagram)



37.hxg6! hxg6 38.g5→ White has strong attack. **38...Qd7?** 5.14/22
[38...f5± 1.01/16 is a better chance. 39.Qh4 Kg7]
39.gxf6 Nxf6 40.Qh4 White wants to mate with Nf7+. **40...N8h7**

41.Ng5 Re8 5.53/18
[41...Rf8 3.69/17 was necessary. 42.Bb4 *(42.Ne6 Re8±)* 42...c5 *(42...Nxg5 43.Nf7+* Discovered Attack (Double Check), Double Attack *Kg8 44.Qh8+ Kxf7 45.Qxf8#)*]
42.Nhf7+ Kg8 43.Rxe8+ Qxe8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.44
44.Qh6



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88 **C70**
□ **Calonge Gonzalez,Alfonso** **2435**
■ **Guilman,Arkadi** **2490**
Parnu Keres Memorial op (7) 02.12.1997
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 d6

(Diagram)

6.d4N

[6.c3 Bg4 *(6...Bd7 7.d4 Ba7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 f6 11.h3 Kh8 12.Nf1 Be8 13.Ng3 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxa4 16.Qxa4 Qe8 17.Qxe8 Rfxe8 18.Rad1 Kg8 19.f3 Kf7 20.Ne2 a5 21.a4* ½-½ (24) Sevian,S (2687)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2691) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2023 (7)*)* 7.h3 Bh5 8.d4 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 exd4 10.e5 d5 11.cxd4 Ba7 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Qg4 Ne7 14.Qxg7 Rg8 15.Qxh7 Bxd4 16.Re1 Kd7 17.Nc3 Rg6 18.Qxf7 Qh8 19.e6+ Kc8 20.Qxe7 Kb7 1-0 (35) Miscellanous Tries For Black (1891)-10. ♕d3 a6 (1634) 125/ (72) Biel 2015 (7)]

6...exd4 7.Nxd4 Nge7 8.Bg5

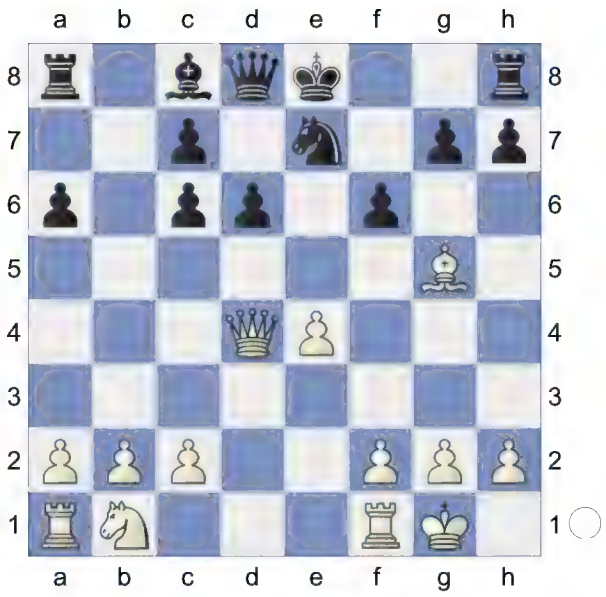
[8.c3!?]

8...Bxd4 9.Bxc6+ Remove Defender

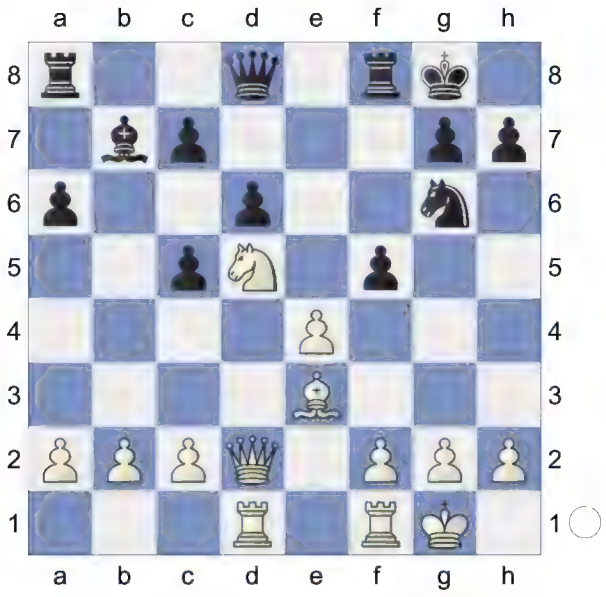
[9.Qxd4 f6 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Qxf6 Ng6 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8∓]

9...bxc6 White has an edge. **10.Qxd4 f6**

(Diagram)



11.Be3 c5 12.Qd2 0-0 13.Nc3 Bb7 14.Rad1 Ng6 15.Nd5 f5



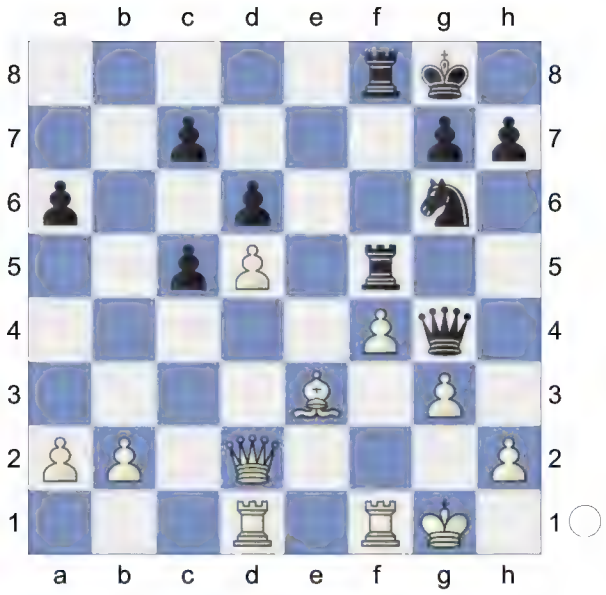
16.exf5 Rxf5 17.c4 -0.59/18

[17.Qd3!= -0.04/21 Rf7 *(17...Rxd5 18.Qb3=)* 18.Rfe1]

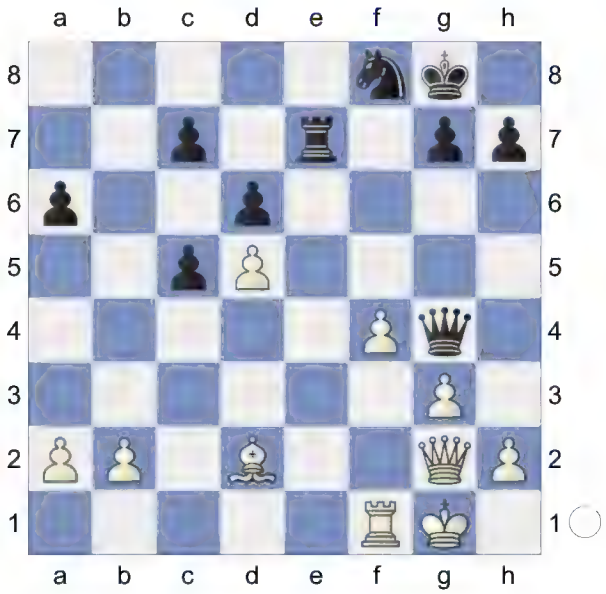
17...Bxd5 18.cxd5 Qh4 19.f4 Raf8

Black is more active. **20.g3 Qg4**

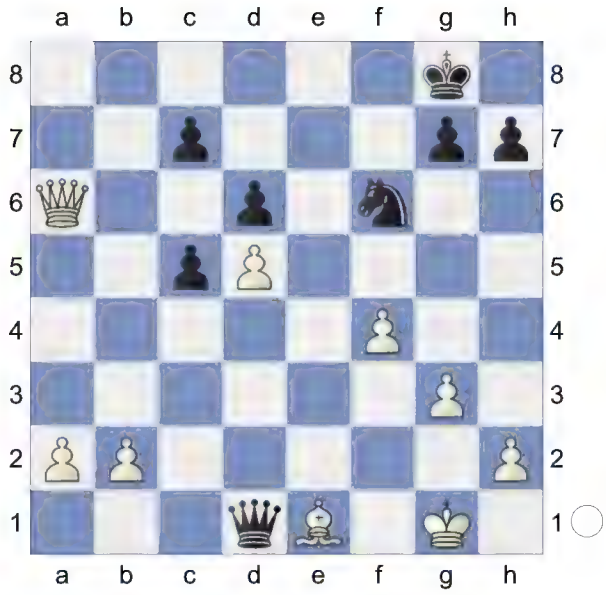
(Diagram)



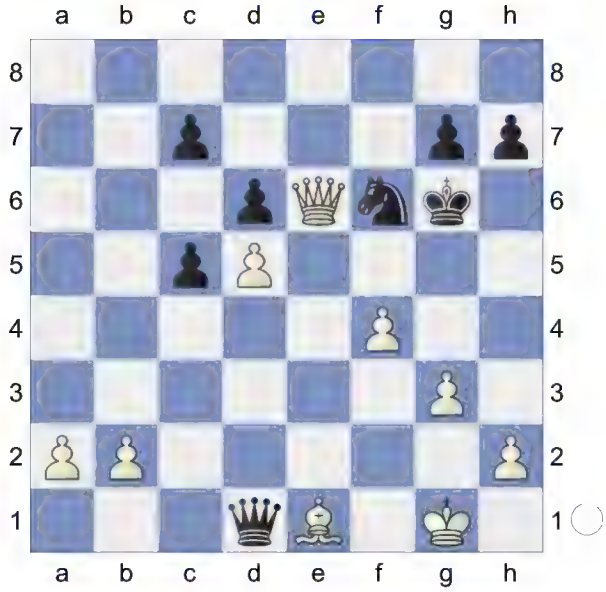
21.Qg2 R5f7 22.Bd2 Re7 23.Rde1 Wards off Re2 **23...Rfe8 24.Re6 Nf8**
[24...Rxe6 25.dxe6 Ne7 *(25...Qxe6? 26.f5+-)* 26.Re1±]
25.Rxe7 -0.56/19
[25.h3= -0.08/21 Qf5 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Kh2]
25...Rxe7∓



26.Re1 Rxe1+ 27.Bxe1 Endgame KQB-KQN **27...Nd7 28.Qe4 Nf6 29.Qd3**
[29.Qe6+ Qxe6 30.dxe6 g6∓]
29...Qh5 30.Qxa6 Qd1

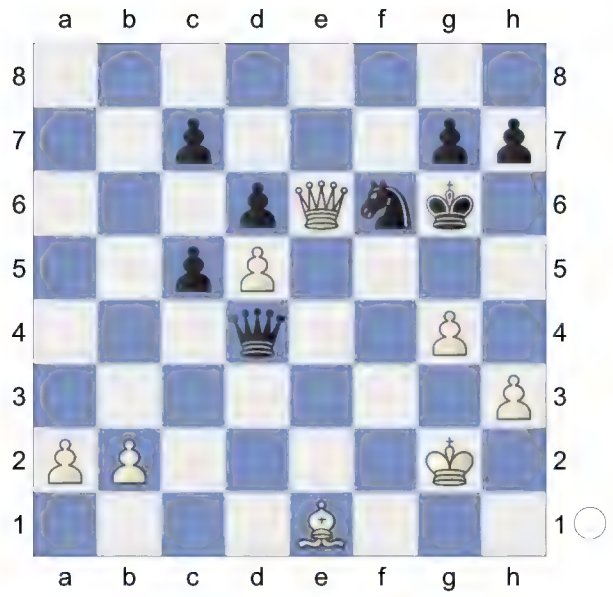


31.Qc8+ Kf7 32.Qe6+ Kg6 0.90/21
[32...Kf8= 0.00/22]



33.g4! 0.04/21 **Qd4+=**
[33...Qxd5?! 34.Qxd5 Nxd5 35.f5+ Kg5 36.h3±]
34.Kg2 Qxf4 35.h3 Qd4

(Diagram)



36.Qf5+ Kf7 37.Qe6+ Kf8 38.Qc8+ Ne8 39.Qf5+ Qf6? 4.86/25

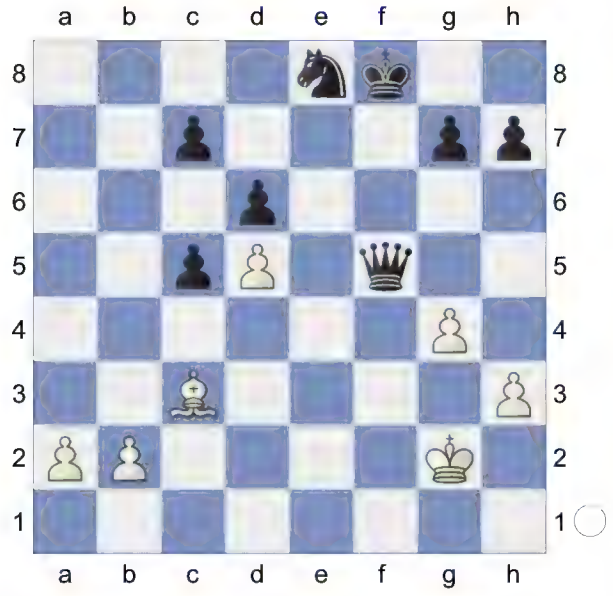
[39...Nf6= 0.00/22 and Black is okay.]

40.Bc3 1.98/22

[40.Qxh7 Qxb2+ 41.Kf1 Qb5+ *(41...Qxa2 42.Qf5+ Nf6 43.Qc8+ Ne8 44.Qf5+ Nf6 45.Qc8+ Ne8 46.Qf5+=)* 42.Kg1 Qe2 43.Qf5+ Nf6∓]

[⌓40.Bh4 4.86/25 Qxf5 41.gxf5]

40...Qxf5+-



41.gxf5 Nf6? 7.42/24

[41...Ke7± 1.33/18]

42.Bxf6 gxf6 KP-KP **43.Kg3**

[43.Kf3 Ke7 44.Ke4 Kd7 45.Kd3 c6 *(45...Kc8 46.Kc4 Kb7 47.Kb5)* 46.Kc4 Kc7

A) 47.a4 Kb6 48.a5+ Kxa5 49.dxc6 Kb6 50.Kd5 Kc7

A1) 51.b3? 0.01/21 51.h4 7.63 h6! 52.h4 h5 53.Ke6 Kxc6 54.Kxf6 d5 55.Kg6 *(55.Ke7!? d4□ 56.f6=)* 55...d4! 56.f6 d3 57.f7 d2 58.f8Q d1Q Prevents Qf1.;

A2) 51.h4! h5 52.b3;

B) 47.a3 Kb6 48.h4 h5 49.b3 *(49.b4? 0.00/82 49.b3 14.26 cxb4 50.axb4 c5! 51.bxc5+ dxc5 52.d6 Kc6 53.d7! Kxd7 54.Kxc5 Kc7!)* 49...Kc7 50.b4! cxb4 51.axb4 c5 52.bxc5 dxc5 53.Kxc5 Kd7 54.d6 Kd8 55.d7 Kxd7 *(55...Kc7? #23/20 55...Kxd7 0.00 56.d8Q+ Kxd8 57.Kd6)* 56.Kd5 Ke7 57.Kc6!]

43...Ke7 9.69/27

[⌓43...c6 5.08/23 44.dxc6 Ke7]

44.Kg4? 0.00/24

[44.Kf3 Kd7 45.Ke4 c6 *(45...Kc8 46.Kd3 Kb7 47.Kc4 Kb6 48.b4 cxb4 49.Kxb4 h5 50.h4 Ka6 51.a4 Kb6 52.a5+! Ka6 53.Ka4 Ka7 54.Kb5 Kb7 55.a6+ Ka7 56.Kc6 Kb8 57.a7+)*

A) 46.a3 Kc7 47.b4?? -9.07/39 *(47.h4+- 8.88/21 Kb6 48.a4)* 47...c4? 0.00/39 *(47...cxb4-+ -9.07/39 48.axb4 c5)* 48.dxc6= Kxc6 49.Kd4 d5 50.a4 Kb6;

B) 46.a4 Kc7 47.a5 Kb7 48.h4 h5 49.a6+! Kb6 *(49...Kxa6 50.dxc6 Kb6 51.Kd5 Kc7 52.b3)* 50.a7! Kxa7 51.dxc6 Kb6 52.Kd5 Kc7 53.b3]

[44.Kf3+- 9.69/27 Kd7 45.Ke3]

44...Kd7? 7.71/26

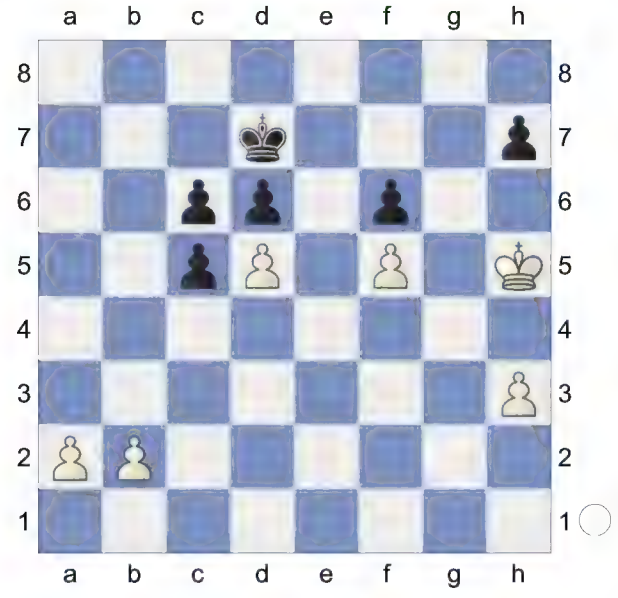
[44...c6= 0.00/24]

45.Kh5? 0.00/33

[45.Kf3 Kc8 *(45...c6?* 8.99/29 45...Kc8 2.29 *46.Ke4 Kc7 47.a4 Kb6 48.a5+ Kb5 49.a6 Kxa6 50.dxc6 Kb6 51.Kd5 Kc7 52.h4! h5 53.b3)* 46.Ke4 Kb7 47.Kd3 Kb6 48.Kc4 Ka5 49.b3 h6 50.h4 h5 51.a3 7.34/24 *(⌓51.a4* 18.72/25 *Kb6 52.b4 cxb4 53.Kxb4 c5+ 54.dxc6)* 51...Ka6 52.b4 Kb6 *(52...cxb4 53.Kxb4 Kb6 54.a4* Threatening mate with a5+. *c5+ 55.dxc6 Kxc6 56.Kc4 d5+ 57.Kd4 Kd6 58.a5 Kc6 59.a6)* 53.bxc5+ dxc5 54.a4 16.70/23 *(⌓54.Kc3* 10.37/25 *Kb5 55.a4+* Deflection *Kxa4 56.Kc4)*]

[White should try 45.Kf3+- 7.71/26 Kc8 46.Ke4]

45...c6=



46.dxc6+ Kxc6 47.Kg4

[47.Kh6? -6.24/22 47.h4 0.00 d5 48.Kh5 d4 49.Kg4 c4 50.Kf3 Kd5 51.Ke2 *(51.b3* Threatens to win with bxc4+. *c3* ...c2 would now be deadly. *52.Ke2 Ke4 53.a4 d3+ 54.Kd1 Ke3 55.a5 d2 (-> ...Kd3) 56.Kc2 Ke2)* 51...Ke5 52.a4 Kd5]

[47.Kh6? d5 48.Kh5 Kb5-+]

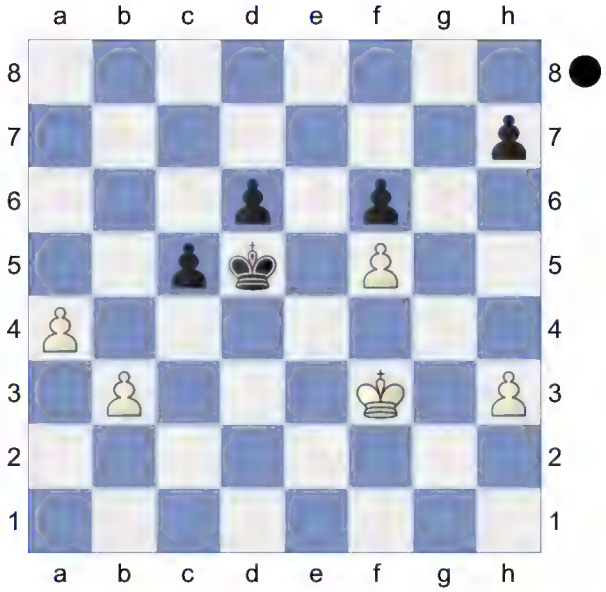
47...Kd5 48.Kf3 Ke5 49.a4! Kd5

[49...Kxf5? perishes. 50.a5+-]

50.b3? -6.03/37

[50.a5 Kc6 51.a6 d5-+ *(51...Kb6 52.a7±)*]

[50.Ke3= 0.00/22]



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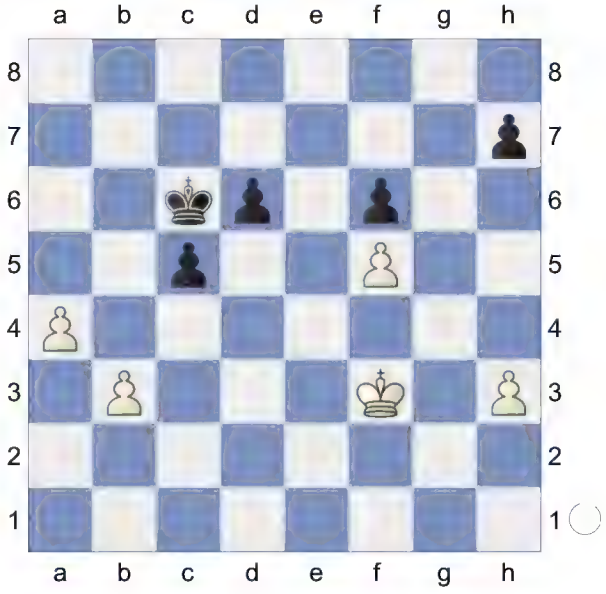


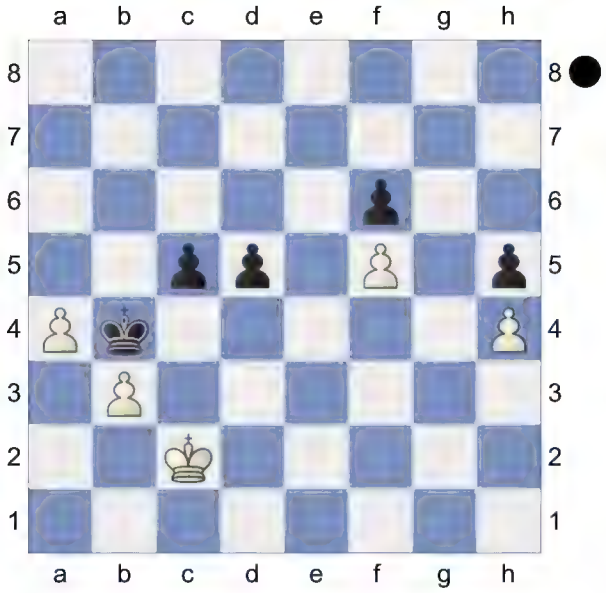
51.Ke3 Black used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/

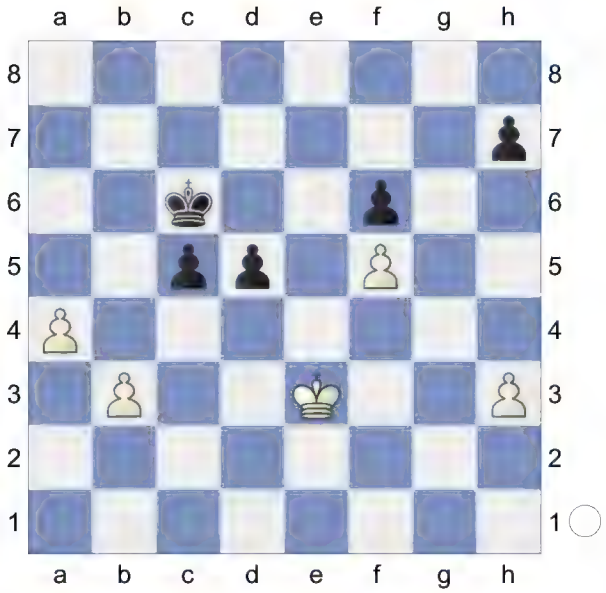
Black=0.52

51...d5

[51...d5 52.h4 Kb6 53.Kd3 Ka5 54.Kc3 h5 55.Kd3 Kb4 56.Kc2



c4! 57.bxc4 dxc4]



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89 **C70**

□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2748**

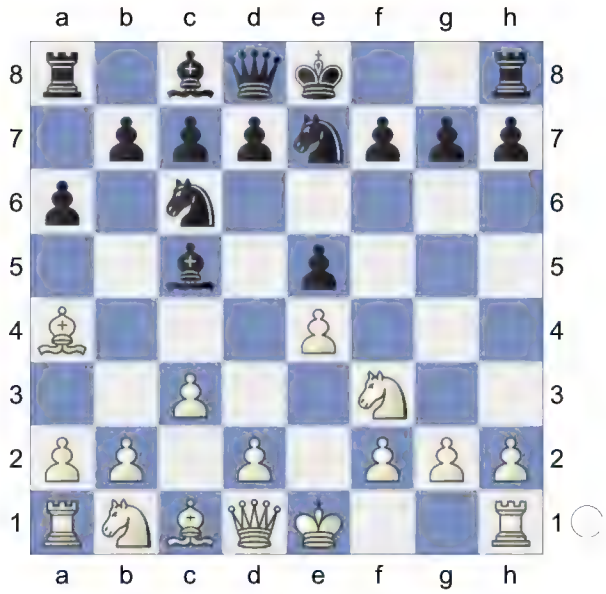
■ **Aswath,S** **2470**

Titled Tue 6. Aug Early (11) 06.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7



6.0-0 0-0

[6...Ng6 7.d4 *(7.d3 0-0 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 d6 10.Nbd2 Kh8 11.Qe2 Qe7 12.Rf2 Nd8 13.Raf1 f6 14.d4 Nf7 15.h3 c5 16.Bb3 Bd7 17.Nh2 Ng5 18.Nhf3 Bb5 19.c4 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Bd7 21.Kh2 cxd4* 0-1 (56) Troltenier,D (2174)-Aaditya,D (2448) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (2)) 7...Ba7 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 0-0 11.Qe2 Qh4 12.Nd2 Bg4 13.Nf3 Qh5 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxe5 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Qg3 Qe7 19.Qf4 Rd7 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.g3 ½-½ (22) Sychev,K (2532)-Puranik,A (2639) SRB-chT

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7.d4N

[7.Re1 d6 8.Bc2 Bg4 9.d3 h6 10.Be3 Ng6 11.h3 Be6 12.d4 exd4 13.cxd4 Bb4 14.Re2 d5 15.e5 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Qxh4 17.Qd3 g6 18.Nc3 Bf5 19.Qd2 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 Qxd4 1-0 (39) Kretchetov,A-Wojtyra,S 84/(169) Cuba 2002 (4) 22.Rd1 Qc4 23.Nxd5 Qxc2 24.Rxc2 Rfd8 25.Rxc7 Kf8 26.Rxb7 Ba5 27.b4 Rab8 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.bxa5 Rd8 30.f4 f6 31.exf6 Kf7 32.Kf2 Rd7 33.Ne3 Rb7 34.Nc4 Ra7 35.Nb6 Kxf6 36.Rd6+ Kf5 1-0 (39) Konstantopoulos,D-Koutsos, V Atomika Neanika Attikis U14 2004 (4)]

7...Bd6 1.35/17

[⌓7...Ba7 0.79/22]

8.Bg5 f6 White is better. **9.Be3 b5 10.Bb3+ Kh8**

11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Re1 Ng6 13.Nf1 0.46/22

[13.Bc2± 1.17/19]

13...Na5 14.Bc2 Nc4 15.Bc1 exd4

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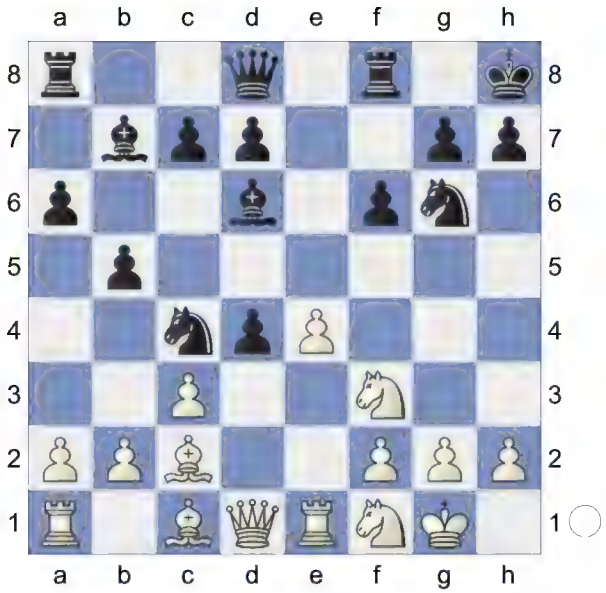
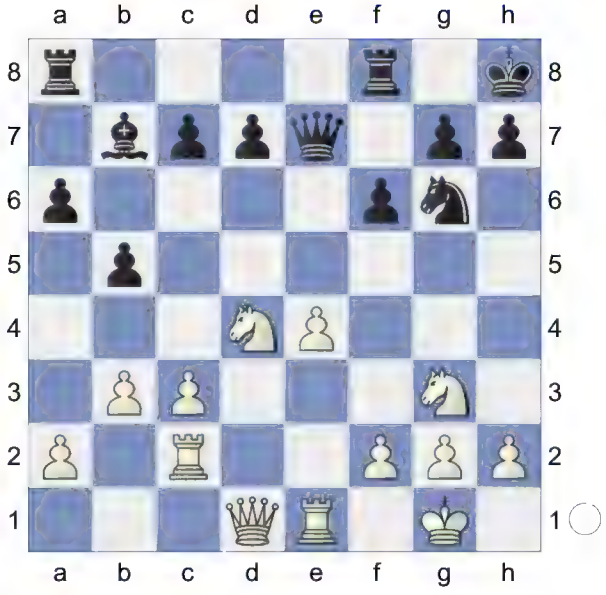


16.Nxd4 Bf4 1.08/20

[16...Re8± 0.66/18]

17.b3± Bxc1 18.Rxc1 Na3 19.Ng3 Nxc2 20.Rxc2 Qe7 1.34/20

[⌓20...Re8 0.88/17]



21.Ndf5 Qf7 22.c4 bxc4 23.Rxc4 Rac8 24.Rd4 d6 25.Qd2 Rfe8

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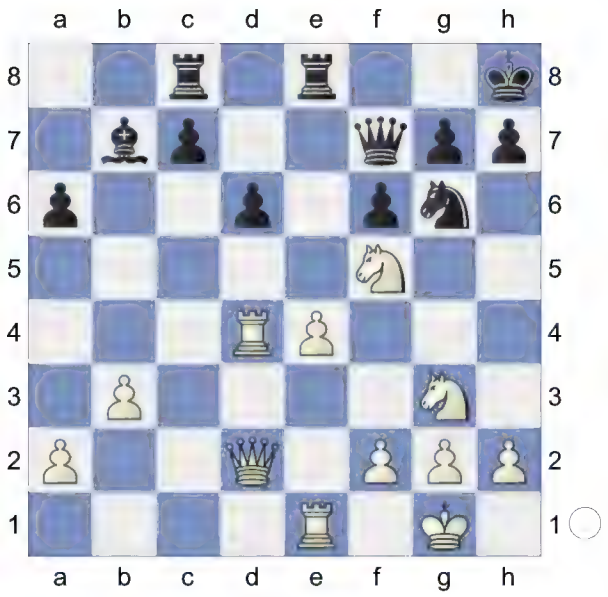
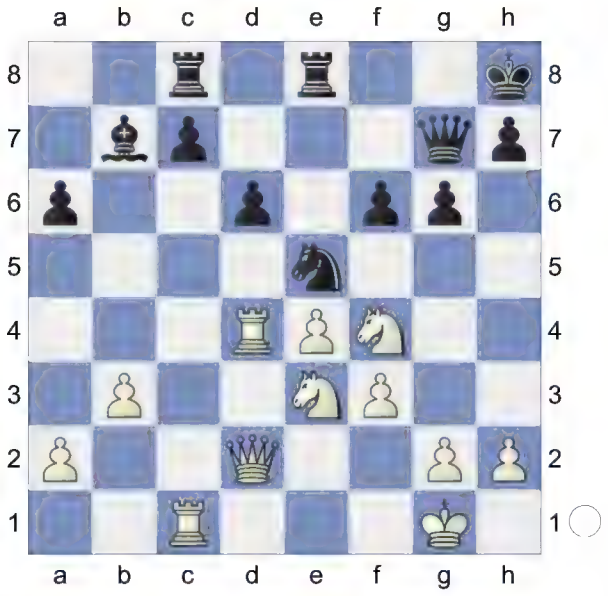


26.Nh5 Rg8 27.f3 White is much more active. **27...Ne5 28.Nf4 Rge8 29.Rc1 g6 30.Ne3 Qg7**

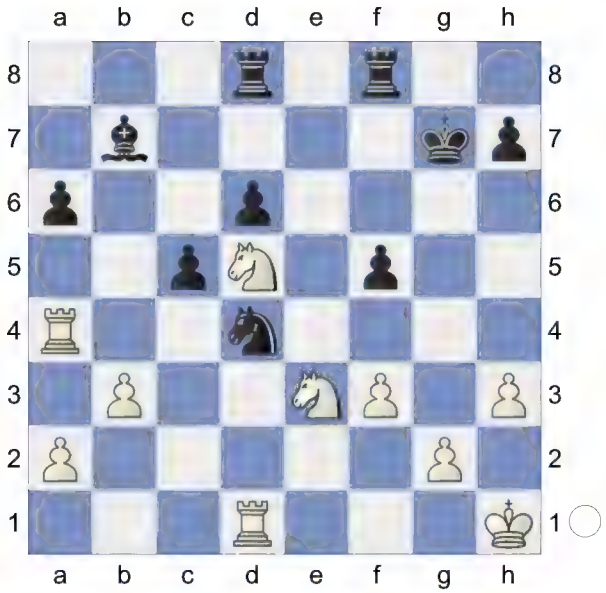


31.Nfd5 0.97/19
[⌓31.Qc3 1.56/18]
31...c5 32.Ra4 Rf8 33.Kh1 Rcd8 34.h3 0.65/16
[34.b4± 1.19/17]
34...Qh6 1.09/20
[34...f5± 0.65/16 is superior.]
35.Rd1 Nc6 1.53/20
[35...Bc8 1.01/19 36.Kg1 Bb7]

36.Ng4 0.32/19
[Better is 36.Qc3± 1.53/20]
36...Qg7 0.99/18
[36...Qxd2± 0.32/19 37.Rxd2 f5]

37.Qc3 0.50/18
[37.Nf4!± 0.99/18 aiming for Ne6. Rfe8 38.Ne3]
37...f5!± 38.Qxg7+ Kxg7 39.exf5 gxf5 40.Nge3↑ White has the initiative.
40...Nd4

(Diagram)



...f4 would now be deadly. **41.Nf4** A dynamic duo of knights. **41...Rde8** 1.24/18

[Black should play 41...Rfe8± 0.33/18 42.Rd3 Kf8]

42.Rd3 -0.12/19

[42.Nc4± 1.24/18 Rd8 43.Rxd4 Remove Defender cxd4 44.Ne6+ Deflection, Double Attack Kf6 45.Nxf8 *(45.Nxd8 Rxd8 46.Na5 Bd5±)* 45...Rxf8 46.Rb4 *(46.Nxd6 Bd5±)*]

42...Re5 1.29/21

[42...Be4!= -0.12/19 remains equal. 43.fxe4 fxe4]

43.Kh2 This costs Black the game.

43...Rfe8 2.55/21

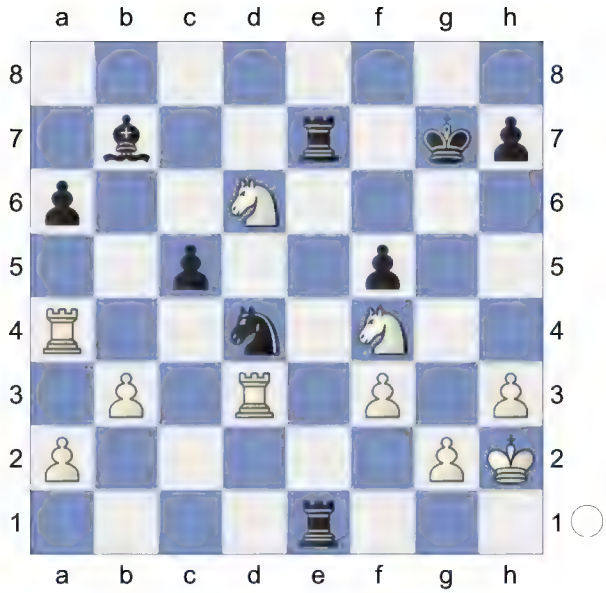
[43...Rd8± 1.11/19]

44.Nc4!+- Re1 3.91/19

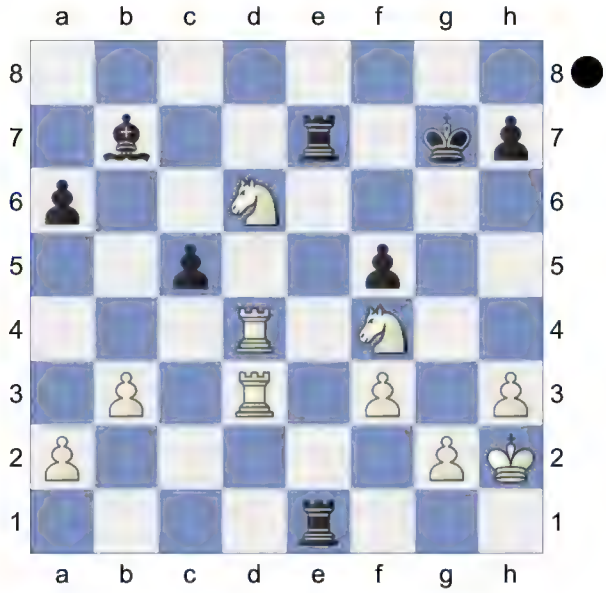
[⌓44...Rd8 2.58/17 45.Nxe5 dxe5]

45.Nxd6 R8e7

(Diagram)

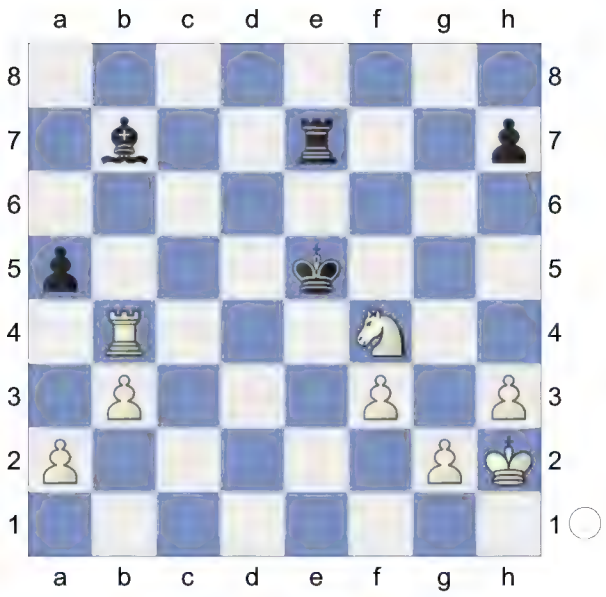


46.Raxd4

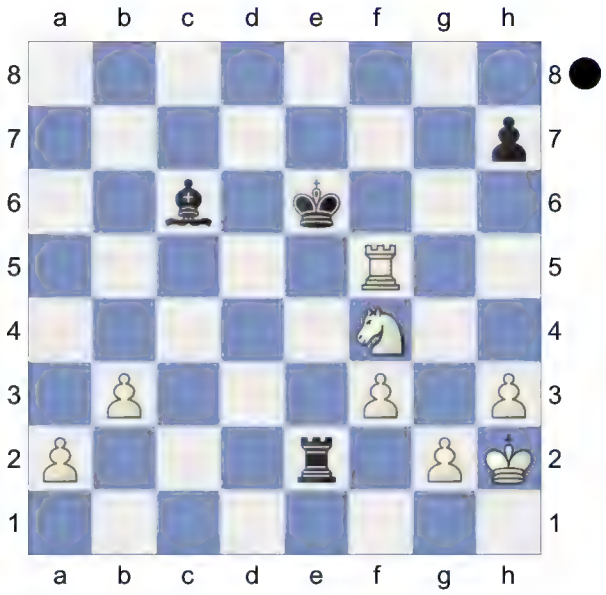


Remove Defender, Decoy **46...cxd4** **47.Nxf5+ Kf6 48.Nxe7 Rxe7 49.Rxd4** Endgame KRB-KRN. White is 3 pawns up. **49...Ke5 50.Rb4 a5**

(Diagram)



51.Ra4 White is clearly winning.
51...Bc6 52.Nd3+
[52.Rxa5+ Kxf4 53.Ra6 Bb5 54.Rf6+ Ke5=]
52...Kd6 53.Rxa5 Re2 54.Rf5 Ke6
7.53/21
[⌓54...Bd7 4.92/18]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.32
55.Nf4+



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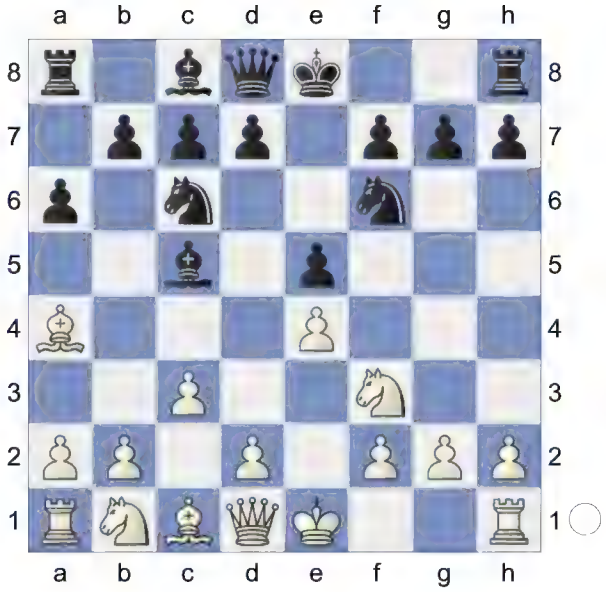
90 **C78**
□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2700**
■ **Vogel,Roven** **2463**
Bundesliga 2223 (13.2) 02.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6
[5...Nge7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 d5 9.0-0 dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0 11.h3 Bf5 12.Nc3 Bd6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.Be3 Na5 16.Bc2 Nc4 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Bc1 Qd7 19.Qd3 Nb6 20.a4 1-0 (80) Guido,F (2517)-Deschamps,Q (2631) Surabaya 1933 (4)]



6.d4
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nf1 h6 11.Bh4 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4 Bb6 14.bxa5 Bxa5 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.Ne3 Kh8 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.0-0 c6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 Rxb5 1-0 (42) Rodio,J (1831)-Do Amaral E Silva,L (1380)

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6...Ba7

[6...exd4 7.cxd4 *(7.e5 Nd5)* 7...Bb4+]

7.0-0N

[7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.dxe5 Nxe4 9.Qg4 Bxf2+ 10.Ke2 Qh4 11.Qxg7 Rf8 12.b4 A2) Ruy Lopez – Defenses Wi-Ruy Lopez – 3...a6 4.Ba4 Bc]

7...0-0!?

[7...Nxe4 0.88/20 7...0-0 0.45 8.Re1]

8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1

White is slightly better.

[10.cxd4

A) 10...g5 1.31/20 10...d6 0.39 11.Nxg5! hxg5 12.Bxg5 Bxd4 13.Nc3 b5 2.00/19 *(13...Bxc3± 0.84/16 14.bxc3 b5)* 14.Nd5+- bxa4 2.70/19 *(14...Re8 1.62/16)* 15.Qf3+- Kg7 3.22/20 *(15...Nxd5 2.20/16* was necessary. *16.Bxd8 Bg7)* 16.Qg3;

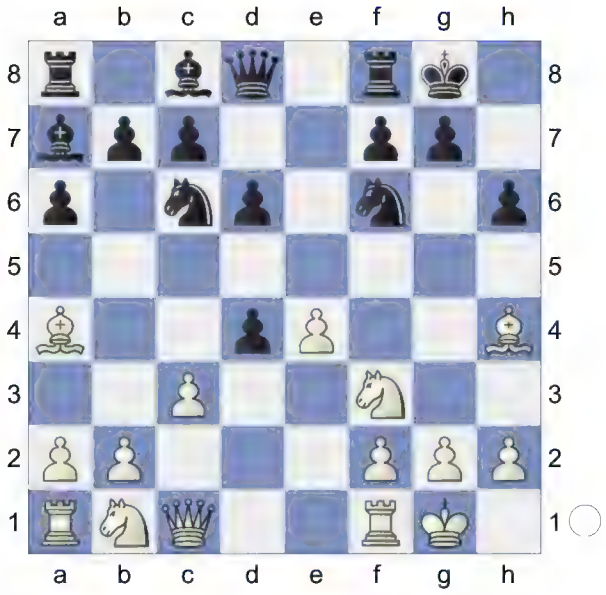
B) 10...d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Nbd2 Re8 13.Qa4 *(13.e5* 0.22/21 13.Qa4 0.60 *dxe5 14.dxe5 g5!)* 13...Bd7! 14.e5 g5! 15.Nxg5! hxg5 16.Bxg5 dxe5 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxd8 Raxd8 19.dxe5 Rxe5 0.83/17 *(19...Bf5±* 0.43/19 *)*]

[10.e5 g5! 11.Bxc6 *(11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Re1 Nxg3 13.hxg3 d6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nxd4 dxe5 16.Nxc6 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 f6)* 11...dxc6 12.Nxg5! dxc3 13.Qxd8! Rxd8 14.Nxc3 Nd5 15.Nxf7 Re8 16.Nxh6+ Kg7 17.Bg5 Nxc3 0.63/17 *(17...Rxe5=* 0.27/24 *18.Bd2 Rh5)* 18.bxc3± Rxe5 19.h4 Re2!]

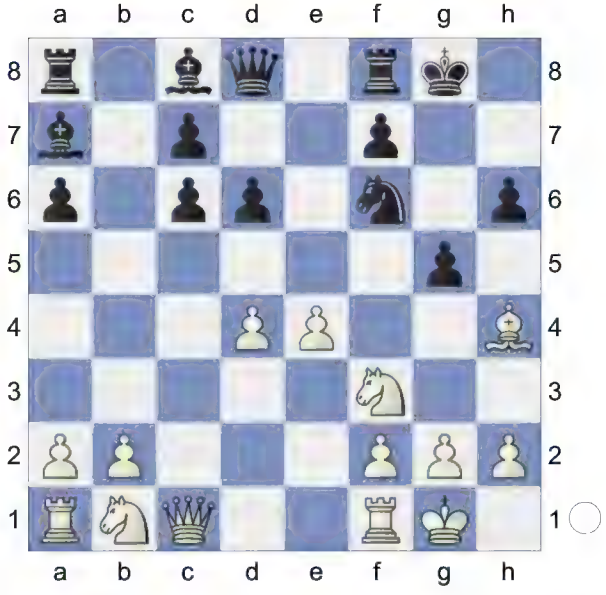
[10.Re1 d6 *(10...b5 11.Bb3)* 11.Bxc6 dxc3 0.92/20 *(11...bxc6 12.Nxd4 Bd7 13.Nd2 Re8 14.Qf3 g5 15.Bg3 Bg4 16.Qd3 Qd7 17.h3 Bh5 18.Nf5; 11...bxc6±* 0.56/20 *12.Nxd4 Bd7)* 12.Nxc3± bxc6 13.Qc1 0.44/22 *(13.h3±* 0.91/21 *)* 13...Re8± 14.e5 dxe5 15.Ne4! Prevents Qd6 Re6 16.Nxe5]

10...d6

[10...dxc3 1.61/17 10...d6 0.52 11.Nxc3]



11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5!



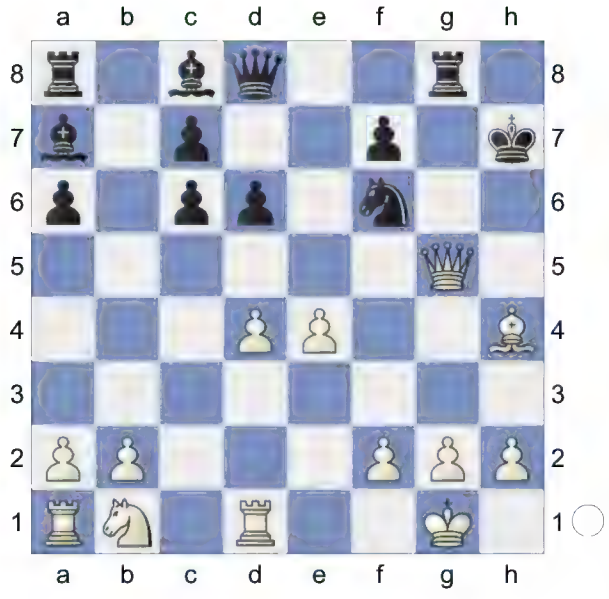
13.Nxg5 hxg5 Black definitely needed to pary e3-e4. **14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1!**

[15.Qxf6 -0.07/18 15.Rd1 0.36 and Black has typical Ragozin

compensation. Qxf6 is the main move according to theory. 16.Bxf6 Kg6 17.Bh4 Bxd4 Hoping for ...Rh8!. 18.Nc3 Rb8 19.Rad1 c5 20.Rd2! Re8]

15...Rg8?! White has a powerful bishop on e5 and is going to act strong in the center. Black had to play with ...a6, ...b5, the only side of the board where he has a superiority.

[15...Rb8 16.Qxf6 *(16.Rd3!? Rxb2)* 16...Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Rxb2 and White will win the d5-bishop, with an extra-pawn and a total domination. 18.Nc3 was more resistant, thought after something like Rc2!? Black's position is just very unpleasant, and now any ... g6 will be met with h5. 19.Rac1 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Kg6! 21.e5 Bxd4 and White has a pleasant position, but he won't be killed as in the game. 22.Ne2 followed by ...b5/...Be6 was still the best choice. Bxe5!? followed by f3 was an interesting gambit/move order. 23.Bxe5!? to put another knight on f6 would be natural as well. Re8]



16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3? There the biggest problems start. **18.g3 Rg6** 0.85/21

[18...Kg6 19.e5 Rab8

A) 20.Nc3 -0.46/22 20.b3 0.22 Rxb2 21.Rab1! -1.05/20 *(21.Rac1∓ -0.64/18)* 21...Rgb8;

B) 20.b3 Bg4 21.Nc3 next f3! is good for White. *(21.Rd2 Rb4* with a decisive advantage due to the b7-pawn (Rb1). *)*

B1) 21...Bxd1 22.Rxd1 doesn't help: the b7-pawn will fall, and then probably few other pawns... Rb4 1.08/18 *(22...Kf5± 0.46/18)* 23.Ne2;

B2) 21...Rb4 22.Re1 Rxd4+- is a crazy computer line.]

[18...Kg6± 0.41/23 was preferable. 19.Bh4 Rgb8]

19.e5± Rb8 20.Nc3! Rxb2

21.Rab1 A great move, although the engine was showing a forced (unhuman) win. **21...Rxb1**

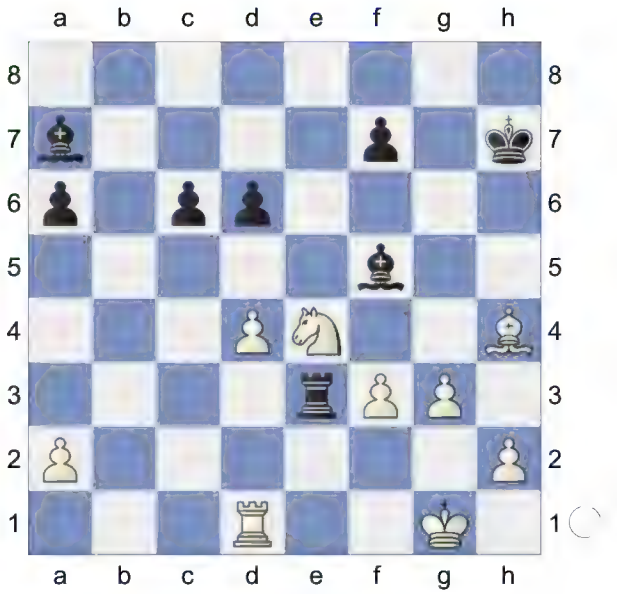
[21...Rc2 22.Ne4 Bg4 23.Rdc1 Re2! 24.Ng5+ Rxg5! 25.Bxg5 dxe5! 0.78/18 *(25...Bxd4± 0.42/22 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.fxe3 Bf3)* 26.Rxc6]

22.Nxb1 0.30/23
[22.Rxb1 Black must now prevent Ne4. Bxd4

23.Ne4!]
[22.Rxb1± 1.03/23 dxe5 *(22...Bxd4 23.Ne4±)* 23.Bxe5]

22...Rg4= 23.exd6 cxd6 24.Nc3 Prevents Re4Black is a pawn up, but he is completely dominated. And the e4-pawn will soon fall. **24...Rg6 25.Bh4 Re6**

26.f3! Re3 27.Ne4 Bf5 0.73/21
[27...Kg6 28.Kf2 Ra3 29.g4 is just crushing. f5!?]
[27...Kg6= 0.10/22]



28.Nxd6 0.15/24
[28.Kf2 0.29/21 28.Nf6+ 0.72 Ra3 29.Rd2]
[White should try 28.Nf6+!± 0.73/21 Kg7 29.g4]

28...Be6 29.Ne4 Kg6 30.Be7! f5?! 3.84/26 This loses by force, but it is not like the alternative was that much better.
[30...Rxf3 31.Ng5 Look how the white pieces are all focused on the black king! Rc3 32.Nxe6! A great attacking game by the German prodige Vincent Keymer. fxe6]
[30...Rxf3= 0.10/23 and Black stays safe. 31.Ng5 Rc3]

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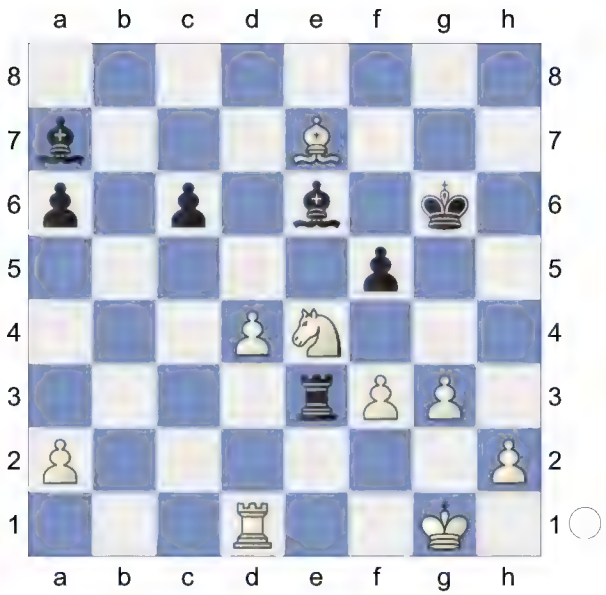

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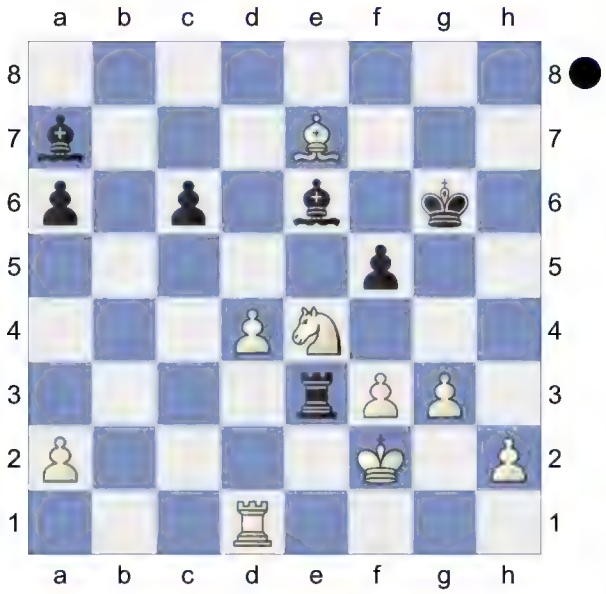
31.Kf2



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91 **C70**

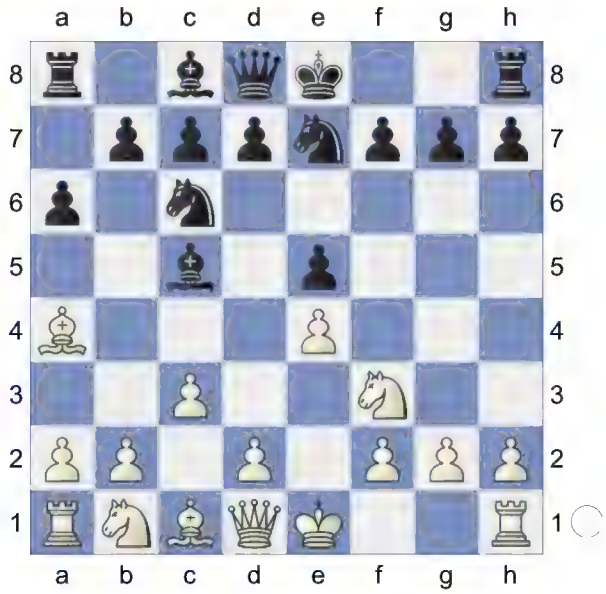
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2501**

■ **Nigmatov,Ortik** **2447**

Masters Open 2024 (3.18) 05.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**



6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3

White is slightly better.

[8.Bd2 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 *(10...Qxd5 11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Kf1 Qc4+ 13.Kg1 Be6 14.Ne5 Qb4 15.a3 Qb6 16.Bxc6+ Nxc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h4 0-0-0 19.h5 Bd5 20.f3 Qf6 21.Qf2 Bb3 22.Rh4 Rhe8 23.Rg4 Qh6 24.Re1 f5 25.Rh4* 0-1 Zhu,J (2478)-Erigaisi,A (2632) Tata Steel-B 84th Wijk aan Zee 2022 (9) *)* 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Be6 15.Ne5 Bd5 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qxc6 Qxd4 18.b3 a5 19.Rac1 a4 20.Rc4 Qb6 21.Qxb6 cxb6 22.bxa4 Rfd8 ½-½ Nihal,S (2620)-Gukesh,D (2578)

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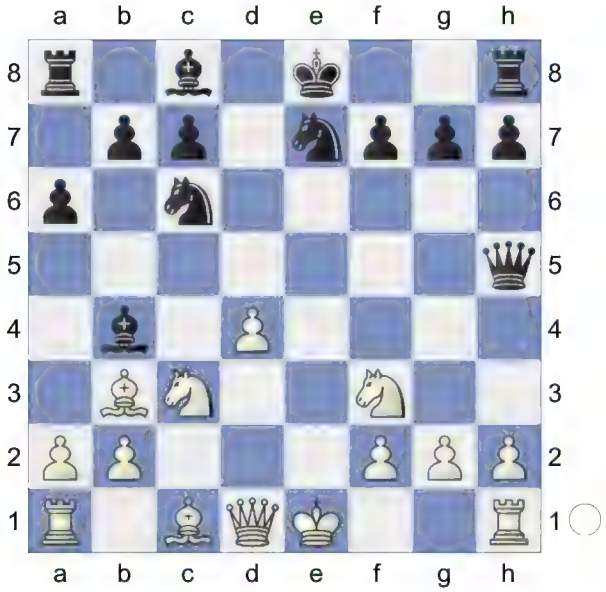
8...d5 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.Bb3N -0.45/18

[10.0-0= 0.15/17 Bxc3 11.Bb3 *(11.bxc3 Bg4= 12.Bxc6+ Qxc6 13.Re1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 15.Ba3 Rhe8 16.d5 Qg6+ 17.Kh1 Nf5* Machuca Palacios,E-Scholz,G URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 *)*]

10...Qh5!∓



aiming for ...Bg4. **11.Qd3** -1.12/23

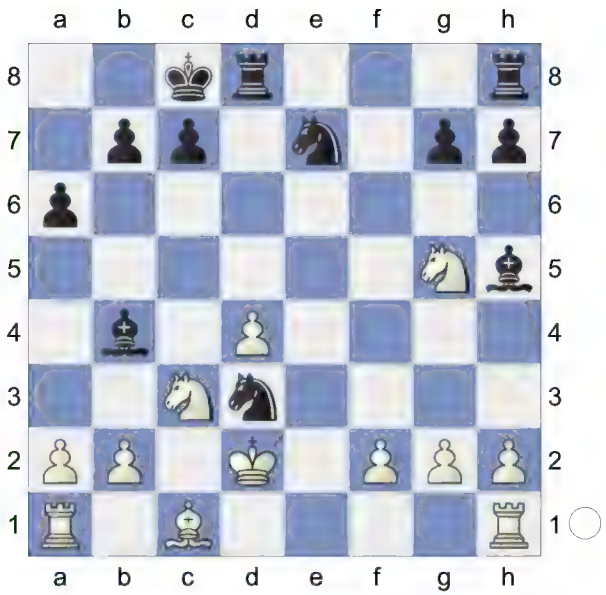
[11.a3∓ -0.37/22 Bd6 12.d5]

11...Bg4 12.Ng5 -1.57/18

[⩲12.a3 -0.87/20 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qxf3 14.gxf3 Nxd4 15.Ba4+ b5 16.axb4 Nxf3+ *(16...bxa4 17.0-0∓)* 17.Kf1 *(17.Ke2 Nd4+ 18.Kf1 bxa4∓)* 17...bxa4 18.Kg2]

12...0-0-0∓ 13.Bxf7 Ne5! Pin, Double Attack **14.Bxh5 Nxd3+ 15.Kd2 Bxh5**

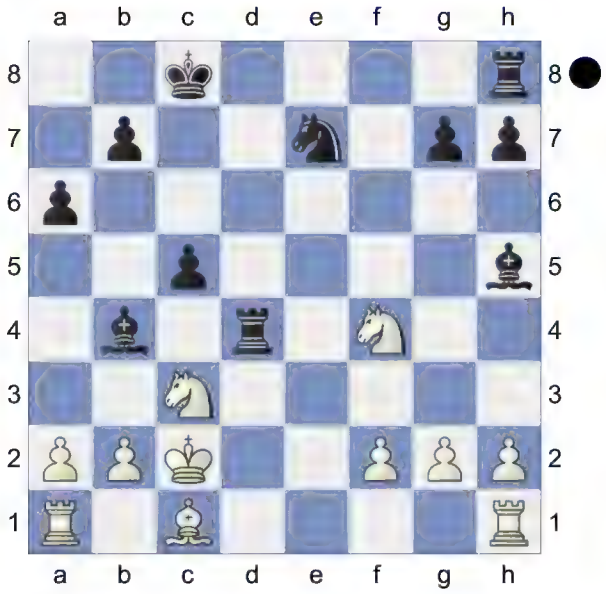
(Diagram)



16.Kxd3 c5 17.Ne6 -1.87/19

[17.f3∓ -1.27/19]

17...Rd6↑ Black is really pushing. **18.Nf4 Rxd4+ 19.Kc2**



Rf8? -0.11/19 **20.Re1?** -3.42/27

[20.Nxh5= -0.11/19 Rxf2+ 21.Kb1 Bxc3 22.bxc3]

20...Rfxf4

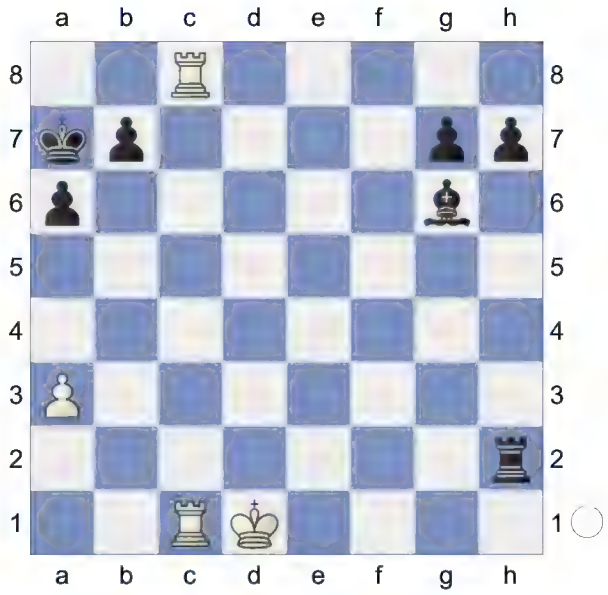
[20...Rdxf4? 21.Bxf4 Rxf4 22.Rxe7]

(Diagram)

21.Bxf4 Bg6+
[21...Rxf4 22.Rxe7 Rxf2+ 23.Kb3 Bf7+ *(23...Rxg2 24.a3±)* 24.Rxf7 Rxf7 25.h4-+]
22.Kc1 Rxf4 23.Rxe7 Rxf2 24.Re5 Rc2+ -1.93/20
[24...Rxg2 25.a3 Rg1+ 26.Nd1-+]
[⌓24...c4 -3.97/20 25.Rg5 Bd6]
25.Kd1 Rxb2? -0.03/19
[25...Bxc3 26.Rxc5+ Kb8 27.bxc3∓ *(27.Rxc3 Rxg2 28.Rac1 Rxb2∓)*]
[25...Rxg2-+ -1.78/24 White must now prevent ...c4! 26.a3 Bxc3 27.bxc3 Kd7 *(27...Rxh2 28.Rxc5+ Kd7 29.Rc1∓)*]

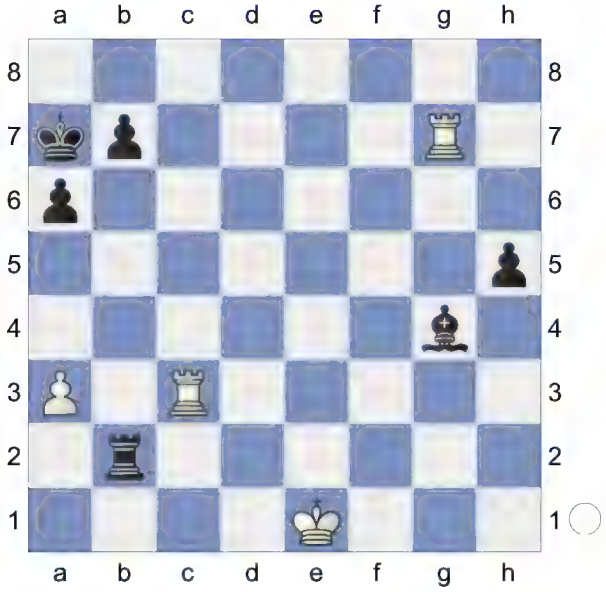
(Diagram)

26.a3!= Bxc3 A strong pair of Bishops.
[Don't blunder 26...Bc2+? 27.Kc1 Rb3 28.Nd5 *(28.Kxc2 Rxc3+ 29.Kb2 Ba5±; 28.Na4 Bg6+-)* 28...Bxa3+ *(28...Bc3? 29.Nxc3 Bg6 30.Rxc5+ Kb8 31.Ne2+-)* 29.Kxc2+-]
27.Rxc5+ Kb8 28.Rxc3 Rxg2 Endgame. ...Rg1+ is the strong threat. KRR-KRB **29.Rac1 Rxh2 30.Rc8+ Ka7**

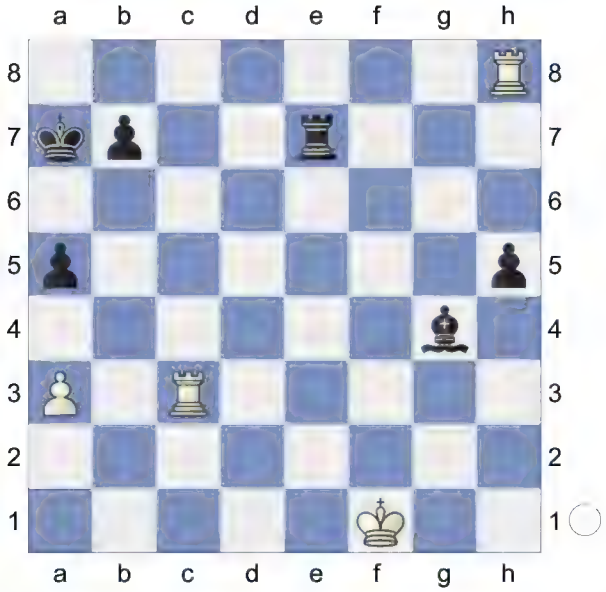


31.R8c7 Rg2 32.R1c3 h5 33.Ke1
[33.Rxg7 Bc2+ 34.Rxc2 Rxg7∓]
33...Bf5 Black wants to play ...h4.

34.Re7 -1.23/25
[34.R3c4= -0.07/24]
34...Rb2 -0.01/31
[Better is 34...h4∓ -1.23/25
Hoping for ...h3. 35.Rcc7 Rb2]
35.Rxg7 The position is equal. **35...Bg4**



36.Rh7 a5 37.Rh8 Re2+ 38.Kf1 Rb2 39.Ke1 Re2+ 40.Kf1 Re7



41.Kf2 Kb6 42.Rb3+ Ka7 43.Rh6 Re2+

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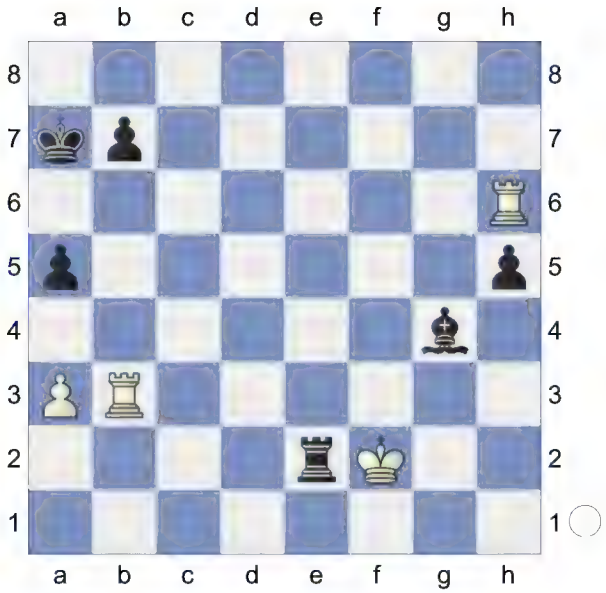
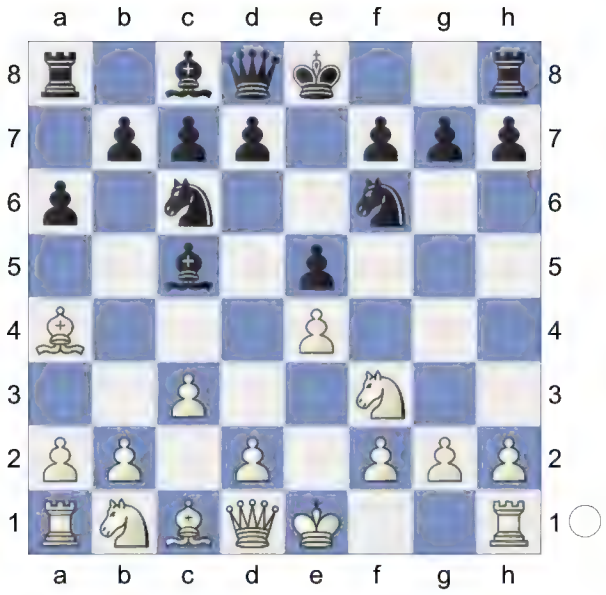


Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

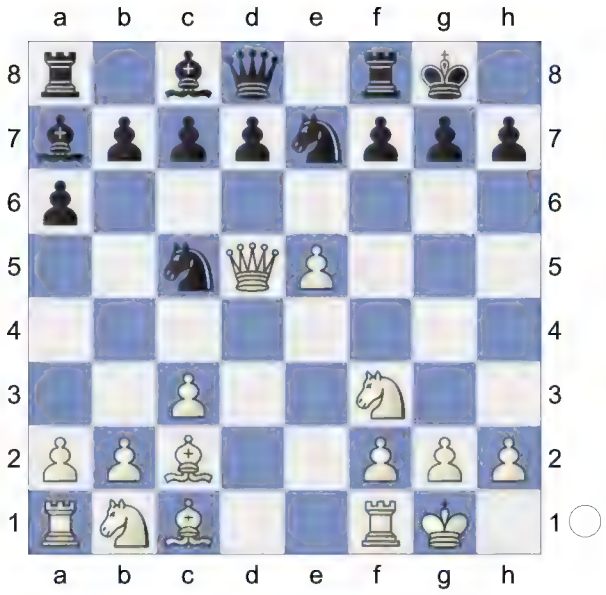
92 **C78**
□ **Cook,P L** **2525**
■ **Wang,Xinyue** **2430**
RUS-ch U10 Serpukhov 1984
[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
1.e4 David-Bordier,Christophe(Übersetzt Bellmann) **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6**
[5...b5 David-Bordier, Christophe(Übersetzt Bellmann) 6.Bb3 Qe7 7.d4 Ba7 8.0-0 d6]

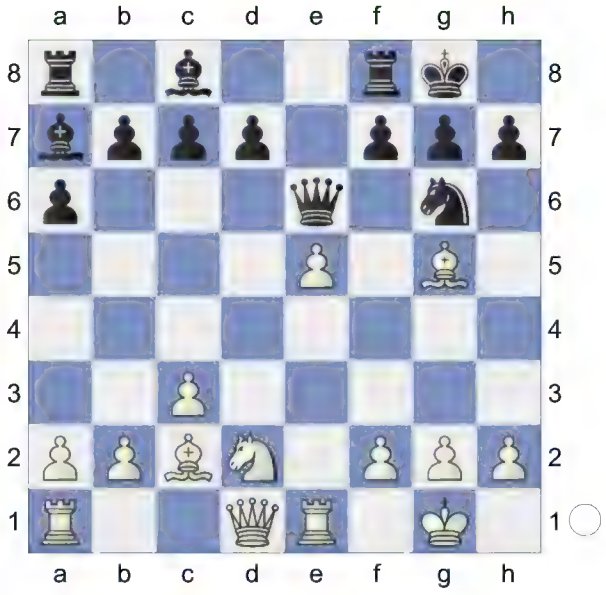
(Diagram)



6.d4 Ba7 7.0-0 0-0
[7...b5 David-Bordier, Christophe(Übersetzt Bellmann) 8.Bb3 Qe7 9.Bd5 exd4 10.cxd4 *(10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.e5)* 10...h6 11.Nc3]
[7...Nxe4 David-Bordier, Christophe(Übersetzt Bellmann) 8.Re1 f5 9.Nbd2 0-0 *(9...Nxd2 10.Bxc6 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 e4 12.Bxe4 fxe4 13.Rxe4+ Kf7 14.Qf3+ Kg8 15.Bg5 Qf8 16.Rf4 Qe8 17.Qd5+ Qe6 18.Re1)* 10.Nxe4 fxe4 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.Rxe4 d6 13.dxe5 Qg6 14.Rf4 Rxf4 15.Bxf4 Bg4 16.Qb3+ Qf7 17.Ng5 Qxb3 18.Bxb3+]
8.dxe5N
[8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 20.Nc3 Rxb2 21.Rab1 Rxb1 22.Nxb1 Rg4 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]
8...Nxe4 9.Qd5 Against d6 **9...Nc5 10.Bc2** White has an edge. **10...Ne7** (Diagram)



11.Qd1 Ne6 12.Ng5 Nxg5 1.36/20
[12...Ng6!± 0.43/24 13.Qh5 Nxg5 14.Bxg5 Qe8]
13.Bxg5± Qe8 14.Re1 Ng6 15.Nd2! Qe6
[15...Nxe5 David-Bordier, Christophe(Übersetzt Bellmann) 16.Qh5]

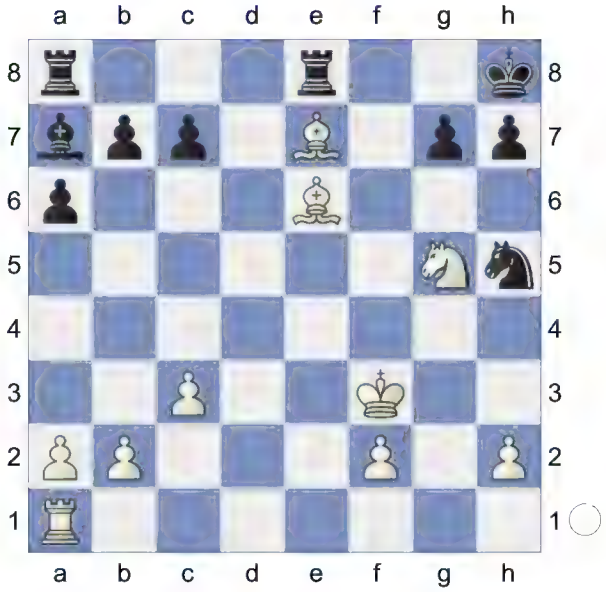


16.Qh5 0.52/20
[16.Nf3± 1.09/20]
16...d5± 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Ne4 Qc6 19.Be7 Loses the game. **19...Re8**

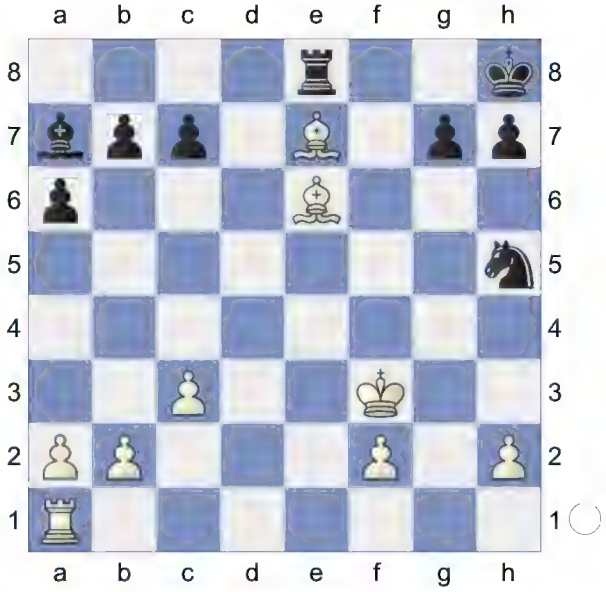
1.85/19
[Black should try 19...Bg4!± 0.61/21 20.Qxg4 Nxe7]
[19...Nxe7 David-Bordier, Christophe(Übersetzt Bellmann) 20.Nf6+]

20.Ng5!→ White wants a kill. **20...Qxg2+**
[20...h6 21.Nxf7 Nxe7 David-Bordier, Christophe(Übersetzt Bellmann) 22.Ne5]

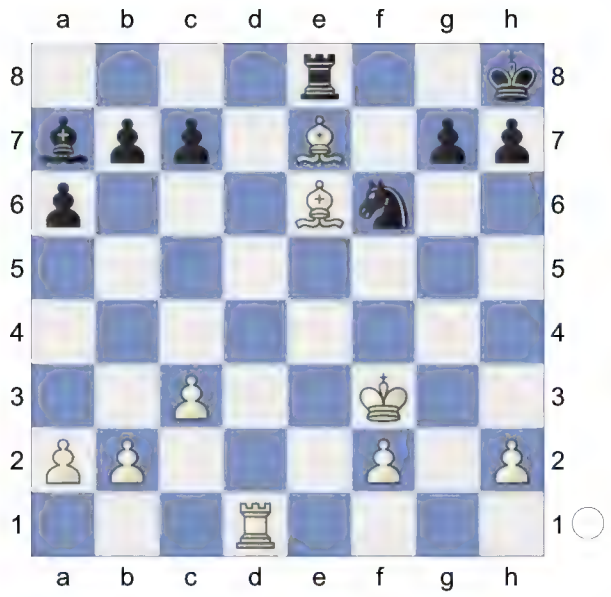
21.Kxg2 Nf4+ 22.Kf3 Nxh5 23.Bb3!
Active counter play!
[23.Bxh7+ David-Bordier, Christophe(Übersetzt Bellmann) Kh8 24.Bc2 Be6 25.Nxe6 Rxe7]
[23.Bc5 David-Bordier, Christophe(Übersetzt Bellmann) Bg4+ 24.Kxg4 Nf6+ 25.Kf3 Bxc5]
23...Be6 24.Rxe6 fxe6 25.Bxe6+
A strong pair of Bishops. **25...Kh8**



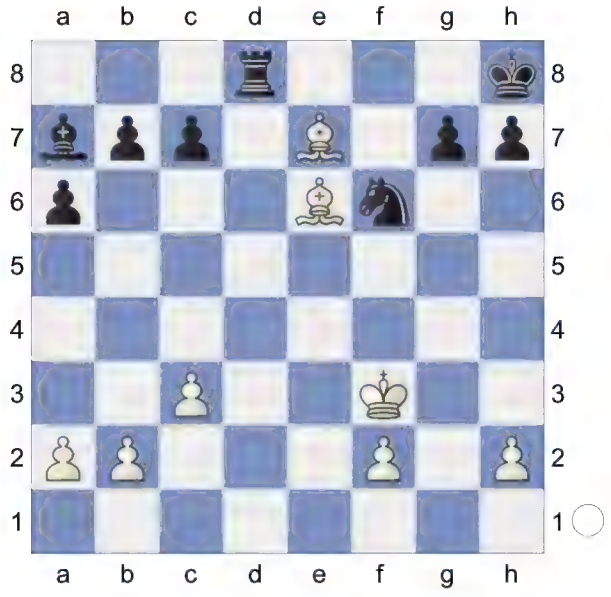
26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Nd6+ Kh8 28.Nxe8 Rxe8



29.Rd1! Nf6
(Diagram)

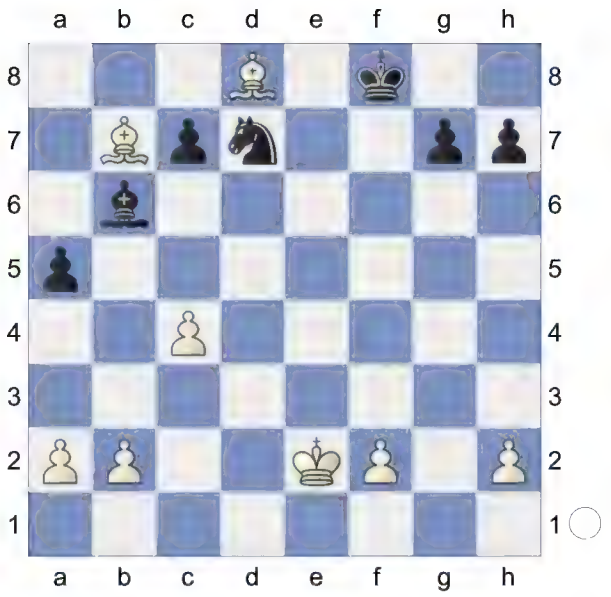


30.Rd8! Rxd8



31.Bxd8 Endgame KBB-KBN **31...Bb6 32.Bc8 a5 33.Bxb7 Kg8 34.c4 Nd7 35.Ke2 Kf8**

(Diagram)



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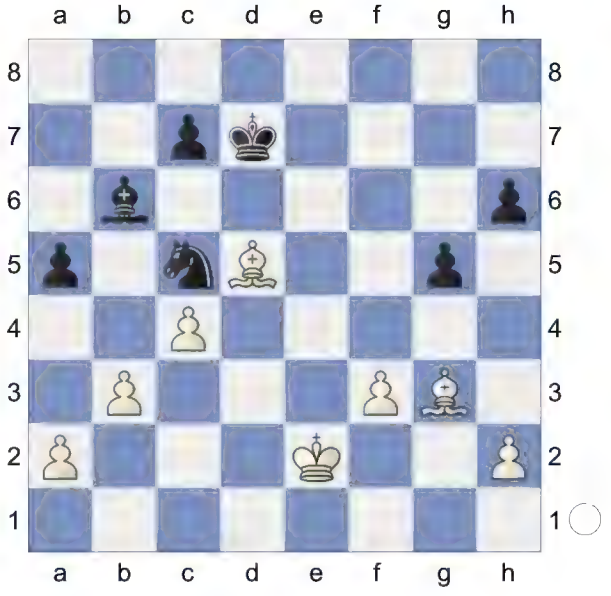

41.Bg8 c6 2.48/20
[41...Ke7± 1.59/17 42.h4 Na6]
42.Bf2 Ke7

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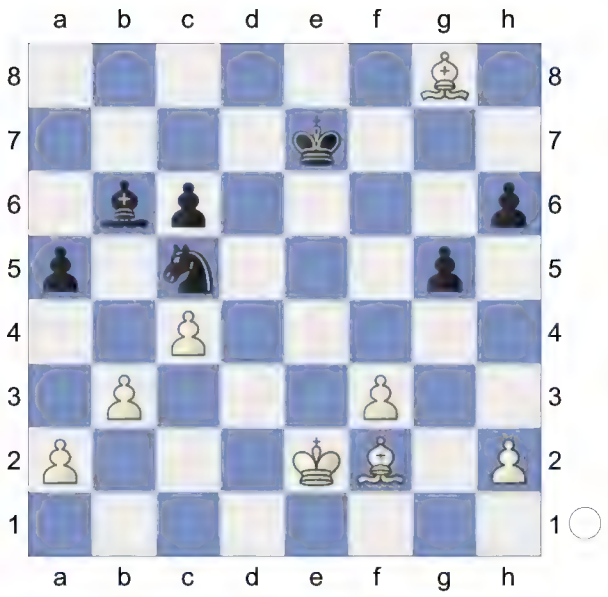
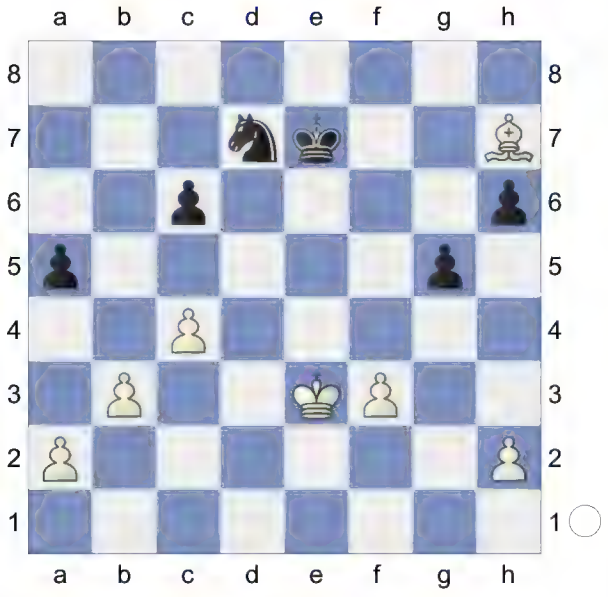
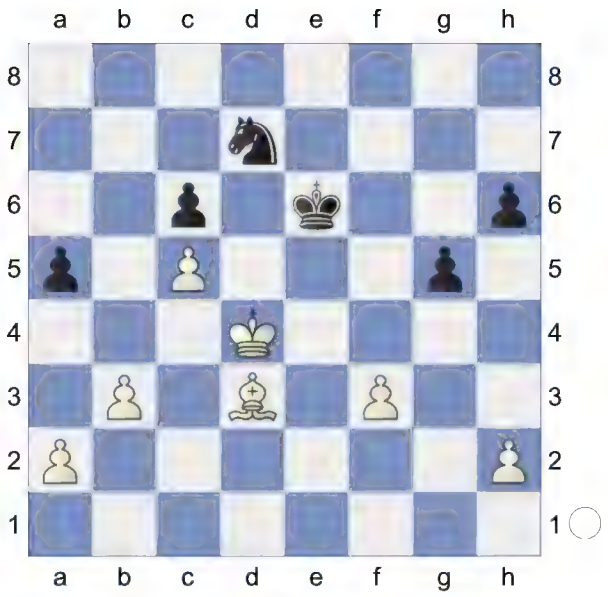


43.Bh7! **Nd7** **44.Bxb6** **Nxb6**
KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **45.Ke3**
Threatens to win with Kd4. **45...Nd7?**
4.00/24
[45...c5 2.32/20 46.Ke4 Kf6]

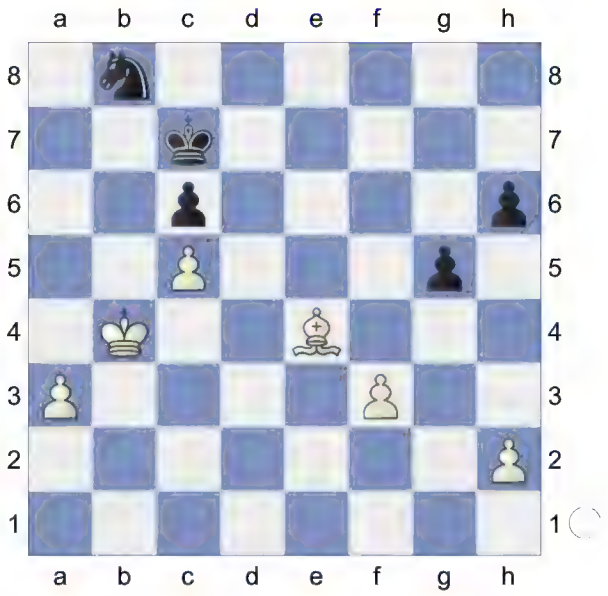


46.Bf5 Nb8 4.71/22
[46...Nc5 2.62/19 47.f4 Kf6]
47.Kd4 Kd6 48.c5+ Ke7 49.Be4 Ke6
50.Bd3 Nd7

(Diagram)

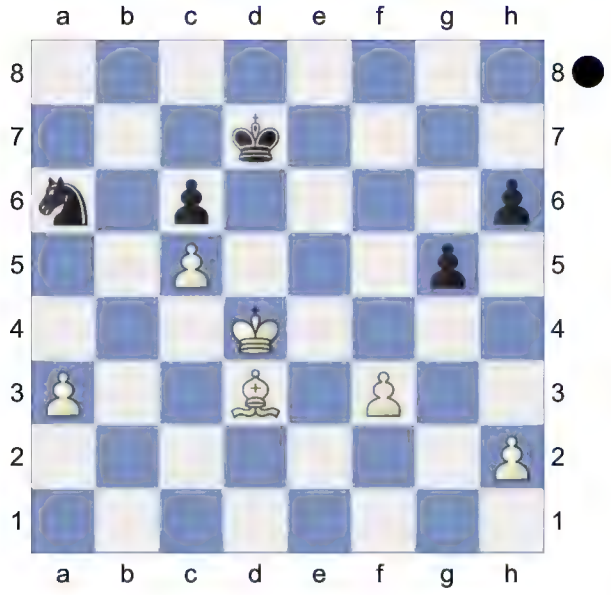


51.a3 Ke7 5.20/26
[51...Kf6 3.68/24 was called for.
52.Be4 Nb8]
52.Be4 Nb8 53.Kc4
[Less strong is 53.b4 axb4 54.axb4
Ke6+-]
53...Kd7 5.57/26
[⌓53...Kf6 3.91/27 54.Kd4 *(54.b4 axb4 55.axb4 Ke7+-)* 54...Ke7]
54.b4 axb4 55.Kxb4 Kc7? 7.03/26
[55...Ke6 3.64/24 56.Kc3 h5]



56.Kc4 White is clearly winning.

56...Na6 57.Kd4 Kd7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.39
58.Bd3



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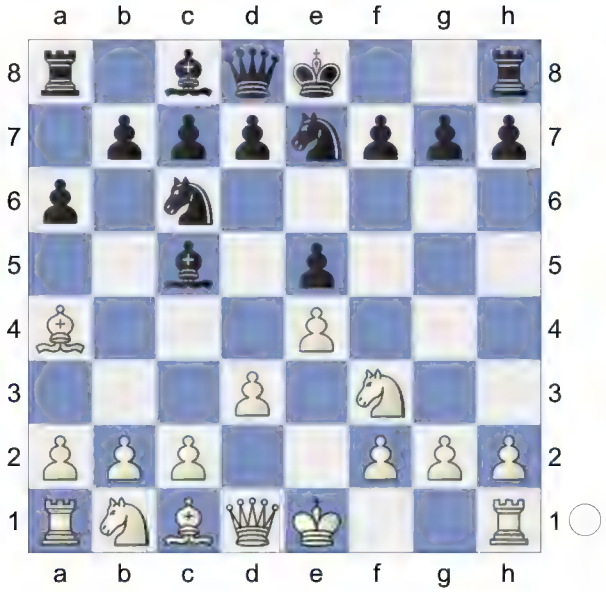
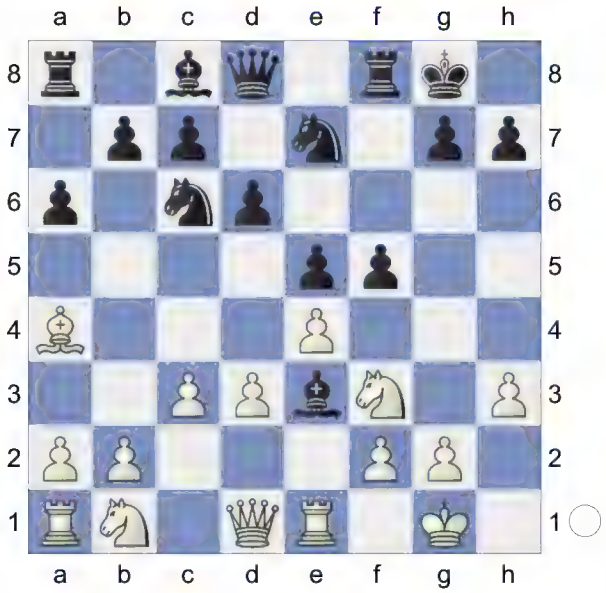
93 **C70**
□ **Howell,D** **2668**
■ **Matinian,N** **2421**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.d3N
[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Bg5 c5 11.Qxc5 d6 12.Qd4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.0-0-0 Bb7 15.f3 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 a5 19.Rhd1 a4 1-0 (51) Kunze,J-Wolf,S Sachsen-ch U10 2004 (7)]
[5.c3 Nf6 *(5...Nge7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 d5 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Bg4 12.Bxc6+ Qxc6 13.Re1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 15.d5 Qg6+ 16.Kh1 Qf5 17.c4 Rhe8 18.Rg1 Rad8 19.Be3 Kc8 20.Rxg7* (21) 6) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6. d4 â-6B | 6.d4: 8.Sc3 mit 9.exd5 | Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch *)* 6.d4 *(6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nf1 h6 11.Bh4 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4 Bb6 14.bxa5 Bxa5 15.Qb3 Qd7 16.Ne3 Kh8 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.0-0 c6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 Rxb5* 1-0 (42) 13... ♖h7 and 17... ♖f7 189 (1831)-Ezat,A (1380) 145/(126) Douglas 2019 (2)*)* 6...Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]
5...Nge7



6.c3 0-0 7.0-0 d6 0.23/17
[7...d5 -0.24/19]
8.h3 -0.21/18
[8.Be3 0.23/17 is more appropriate.]
8...Ba7 9.Re1 -0.55/18

[9.Be3= -0.17/19]
9...f5!∓ Black is slightly better. **10.Be3 Bxe3** -0.05/18
[10...fxe4!∓ -0.60/17 11.Bb3+ Kh8]



11.Rxe3 -0.93/21
[11.fxe3= -0.05/18 fxe4 12.Bb3+ Kh8 13.Ng5]
11...f4 -0.38/19
[11...Kh8∓ -0.93/21]
12.Re1 h6 13.d4 g5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 1.12/20
[14...dxe5= -0.22/19 15.Nbd2 Qd6]
15.Nxe5± dxe5

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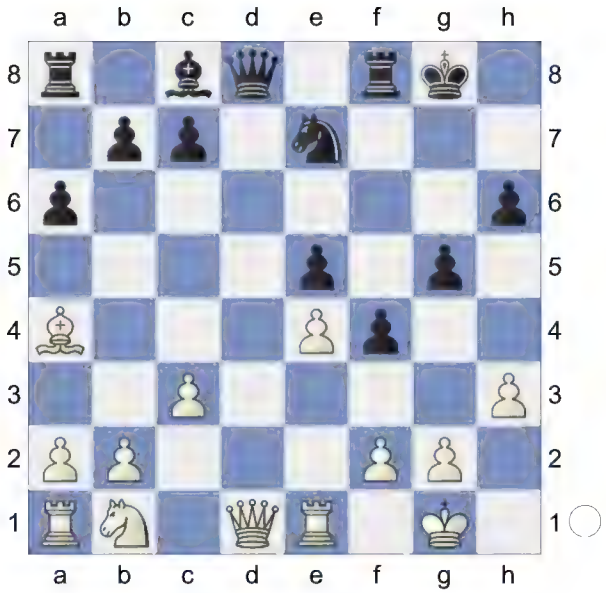

16.Nd2 -0.34/21
[White has to play 16.Qb3+!± 0.98/21 Rf7 17.Rd1]
16...Qd6 0.34/18
[16...g4∓ -0.34/21]
17.Qe2 -0.28/18
[17.Nf3± 0.34/18]
17...b5 0.19/19
[⌓17...Kh7 -0.28/18]
18.Bb3+= Kg7 19.Rad1 -0.28/19
[⌓19.Red1 0.15/19]
19...Qf6 20.c4 Rb8 0.64/20
[20...b4∓ -0.36/18]

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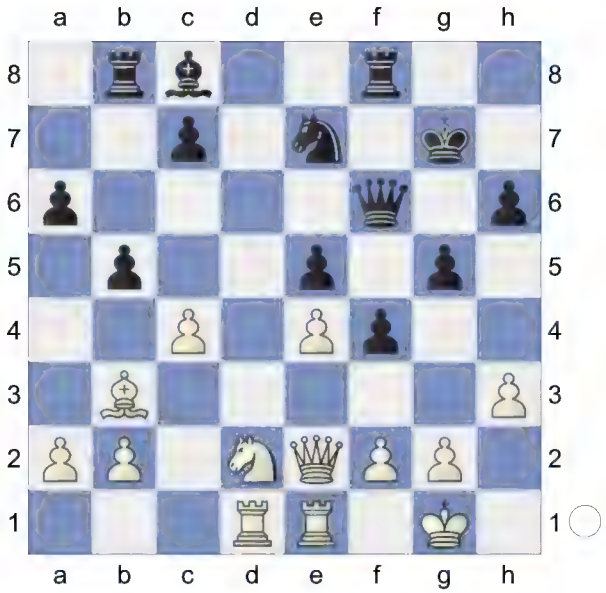
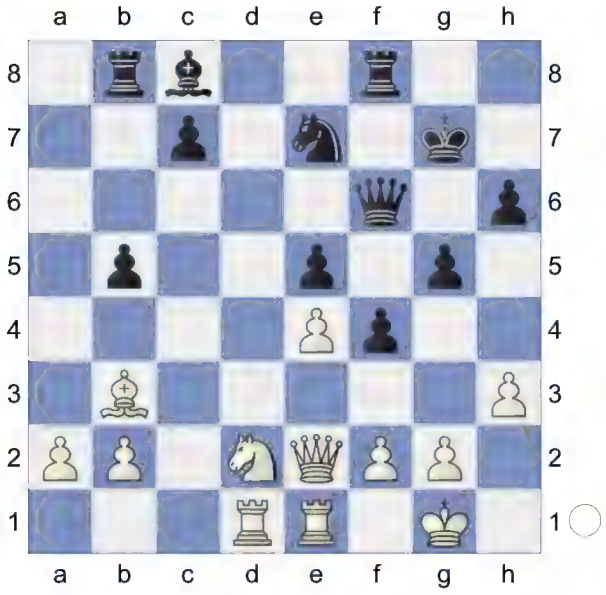
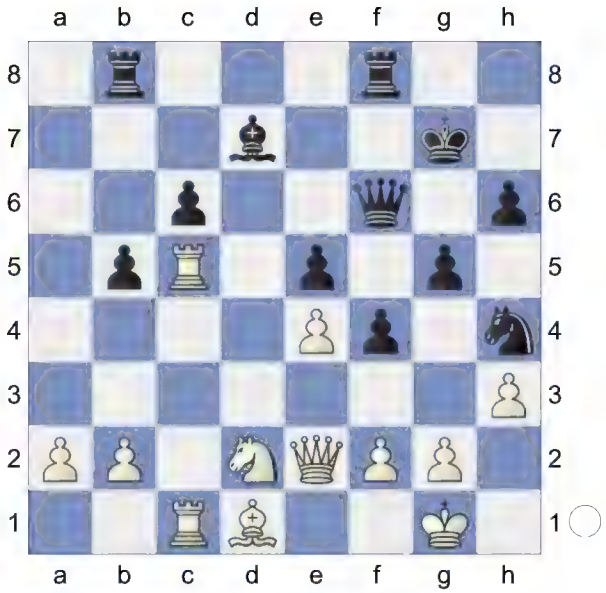


21.cxb5± axb5

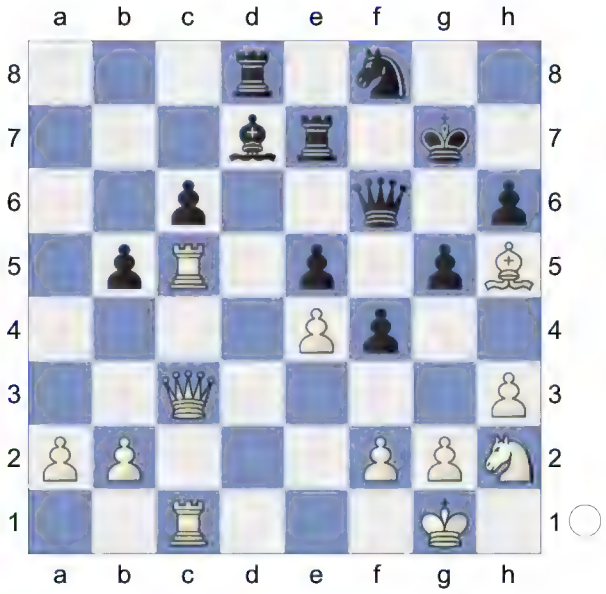


22.Rc1 c6 23.Rc5 0.27/22
[23.Qh5± 0.63/20]
23...Ng6 24.Rec1 Bd7 25.Bd1 -0.24/19
[25.a4± 0.31/20]
25...Nh4 1.14/19
[25...h5!= -0.24/19 keeps the balance.]

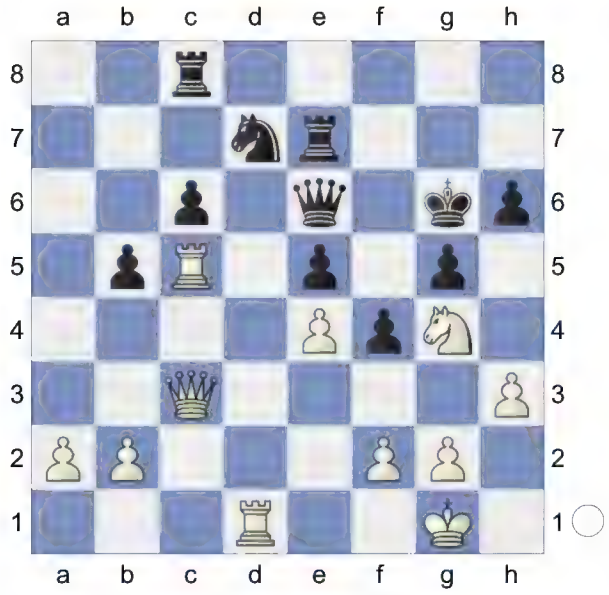
(Diagram)



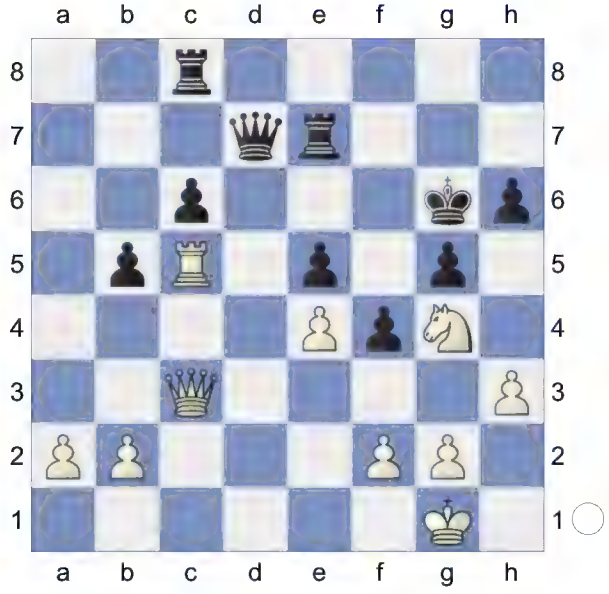
26.Qd3 0.75/21
[⌓26.Nf3 1.14/19]
26...Rbd8± 27.Qc3 Rfe8 1.57/18
[Black should try 27...b4± 0.70/19 28.Qxb4 f3 29.Bxf3 *(29.Nxf3 Bxh3 30.Qc3 Bxg2∓)* 29...Qf4]
28.Nf3 0.77/18
[White should play 28.Bh5 1.57/18]
28...Ng6 2.08/18
[28...Nxf3+± 0.77/18 29.Bxf3 Ra8]
29.Nh2+- Re7 2.46/19
[⌓29...Re6 1.87/18 30.Bh5 Rd6]
30.Bh5 Nf8



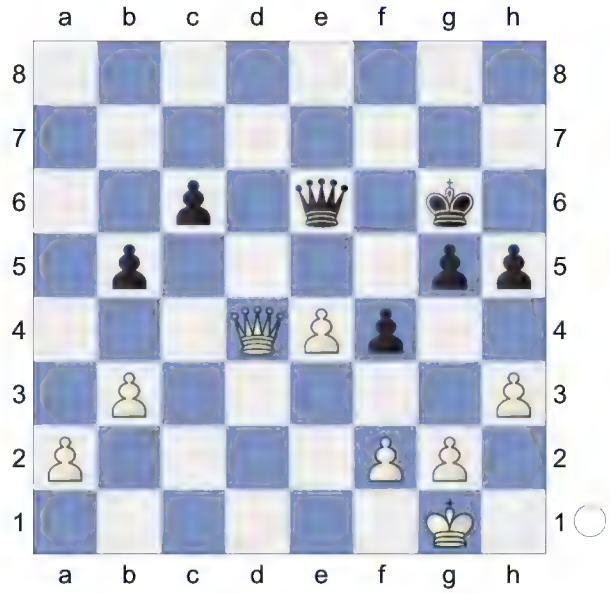
31.Rd1
[31.Nf3 Re6 32.Rxe5 *(32.Nxe5 b4±)* 32...Rxe5 33.Qxe5 *(33.Nxe5 Be8+-)* 33...Qxe5 34.Nxe5 Rc8+-]
31...Rc8 32.Bg4
[32.Nf3 Rc7 33.Nxe5 *(33.Rxe5 Rxe5 34.Nxe5 Be6+-)* 33...Be8]
32...Kg6 33.Bxd7 Nxd7 34.Ng4 Qe6



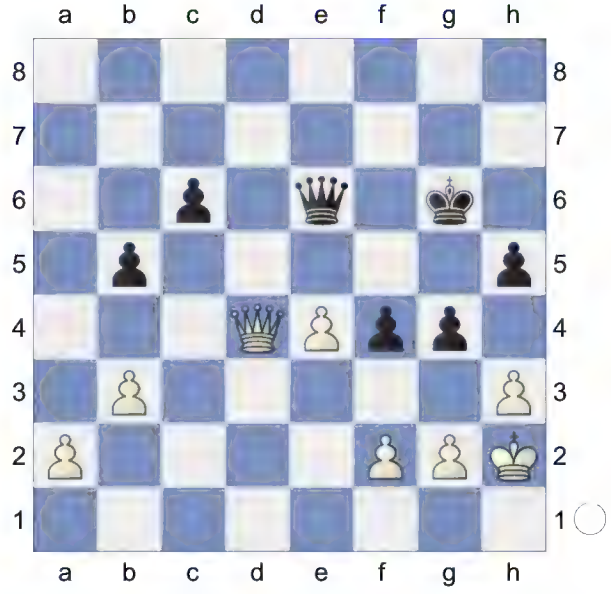
35.Rxd7! Remove Defender, Decoy
35...Qxd7



36.Nxe5+ Rxe5 37.Rxe5
[37.Qxe5 b4 38.Rc4 c5+-]
37...Re8 38.Rxe8 Qxe8 Endgame KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **39.Qd4** Qd6+ is the strong threat. **39...Qe6** 3.32/23
[39...Qe7 2.37/18 was called for. 40.Kh2 Qe6]
40.b3 h5

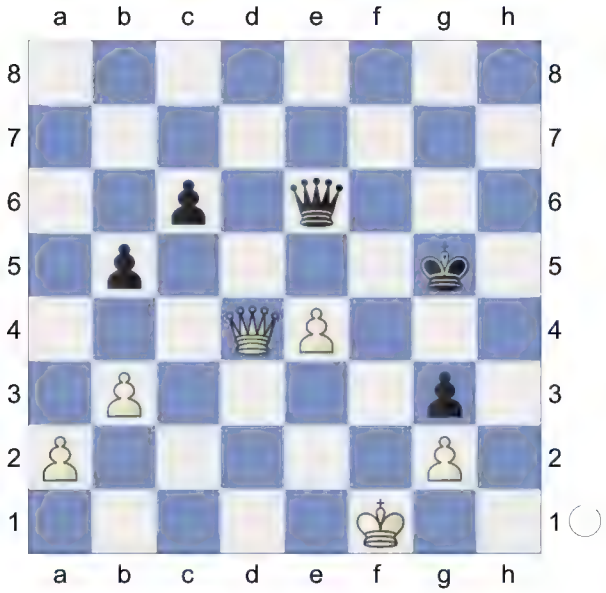


41.Kh2 1.08/17
[41.a4+- 2.67/20 has better winning chances.]
41...g4±

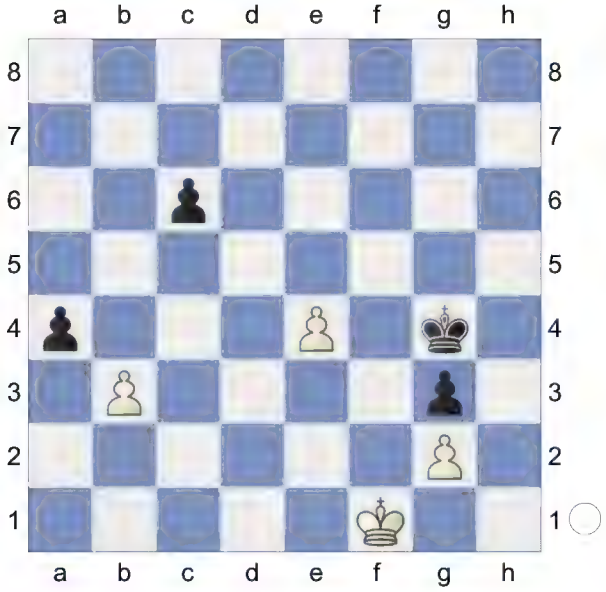


42.hxg4 0.67/16
[42.g3!± 1.04/21 fxg3+ 43.Kxg3]
42...hxg4± 43.Kg1 Kg5? 4.00/20

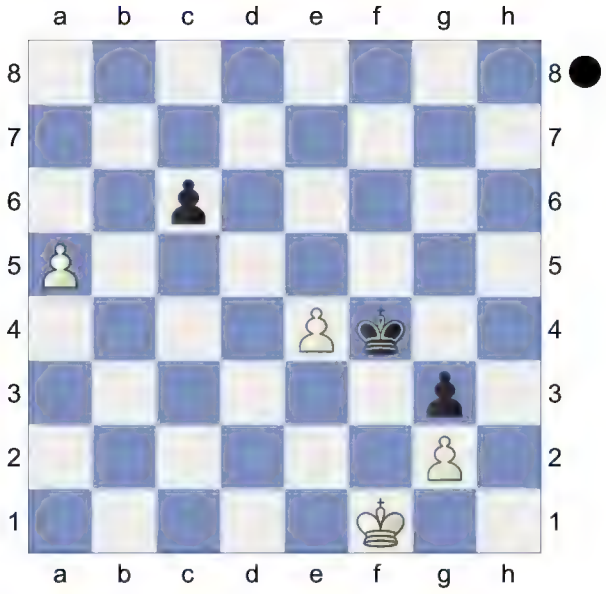
[43...Qe7± 0.55/21]
44.Kf1? 1.22/16
[44.Qg7++- 4.00/20 Kh5 45.f3]
44...g3? 6.58/20
[44...Kh6± 1.22/16 45.Ke2 c5 46.Qxc5 Qxe4+ 47.Kd2 Qxg2]
45.fxg3 fxg3



46.Qe3+ Kg4 6.40/22
[⌓46...Kg6 4.42/19 47.Qxg3+ Kh5]
47.Qf3++- Kh4 48.Qf4+ Qg4 49.Qxg4+ Kxg4 50.a4 bxa4



51.bxa4 Kf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.87
52.a5



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94 **C70**
□ **Yu Yangyi** **2714**
■ **Matinian,N** **2420**
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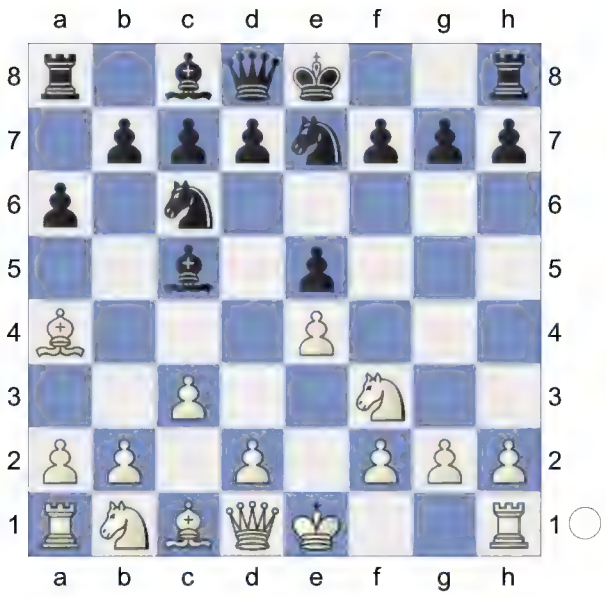
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

(Diagram)

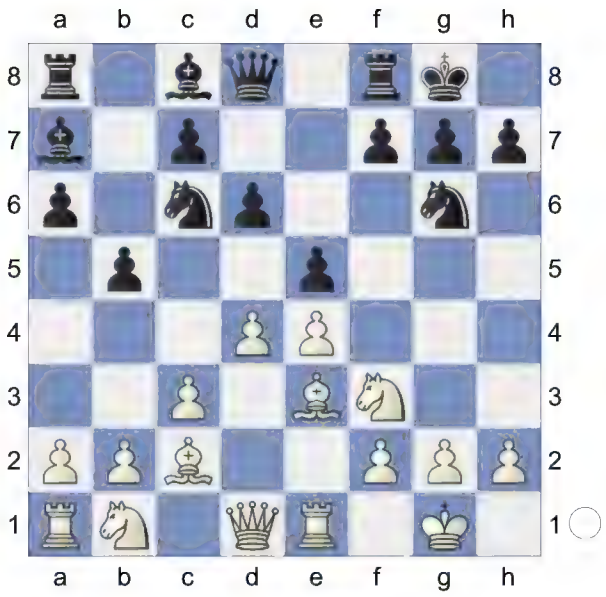


6.0-0 Ba7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Be3 White is more active. **8...0-0** White is slightly better. **9.Re1 b5**

[9...d6 10.h3 Bd7 *(10...h6 11.Nbd2 Nce7 12.Bc2 exd4 13.cxd4 f5 14.exf5 Nxf5 15.Nf1 Qf6 16.Qd3 Bd7 17.Rac1 Kh8 18.a4 Rae8 19.b4 Nfe7 20.N1h2 Bf5 21.Qd2 Bxc2 22.Rxc2 Nd5 23.Rec1 Nh4 24.Nxh4 Qxh4 25.Ng4* 1-0 (40) Stara,Z (1919)-Viti,G (1971) Prague Futures U15 Girls 7th 2025 (8)*)* 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Nf1 Kh8 13.Ng3 b5 14.Bc2 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.Qd2 Rae8 17.Rad1 Bb6 18.b4 exd4 19.cxd4 a5 20.a3 axb4 21.axb4 f5 22.exf5 Ne7 23.f6 Qxf6 24.Qd3 1-0 (58) Blomqvist,E (2483)-Laddha,S (2308) Fagernes Autumn op 2024 (9)]

10.Bc2 d6

(Diagram)

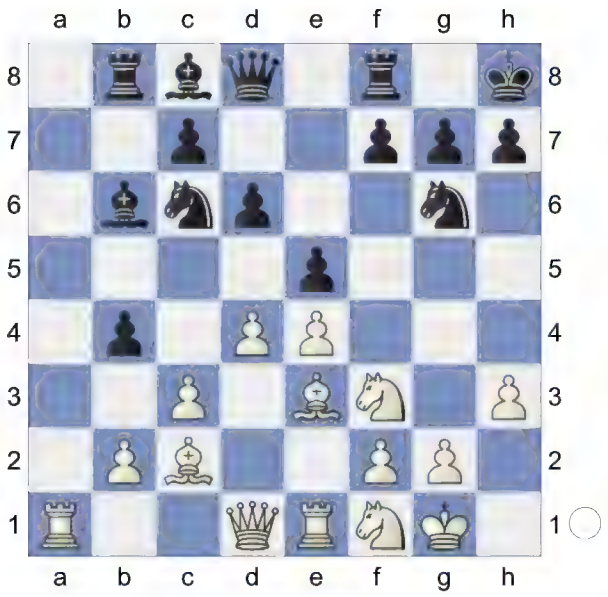


11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.a4N and axb5 would now be decisive

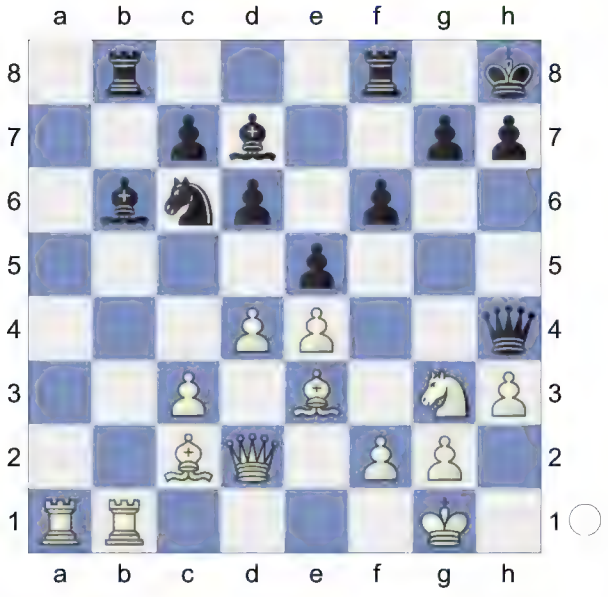
[12.h3 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Bxf5 Rxf5 15.dxe5 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Ncxe5 17.a4 bxa4 18.Rxa4 Qf6 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Ne4 Qg6 21.Rg3 Qe8 22.Rd4 Qf7 23.Qe2 h6 24.Ra4 Rf8 25.f3 Ng6 26.Rg4 Nf4 1-0 (87) Kacprzak,K (2315)-Chyzy,J (2098) POL-ch Blitz U18 2023 (7) 27.Qd2 h5 28.Rg5 Rxg5 29.Nxg5 Qf5 30.Ne4 Qg6 31.Kh2 h4 32.Qf2 Qh6 33.Rxa6 Re8 34.Ra5 Nd3 35.Qd2 Nf4 36.Rf5 Ne6 37.Qxh6+ gxh6 38.Rh5 Kg7 39.Rxh4 d5 40.Ng3 Ng5 41.Rd4 c6 1-0 (87) Rudnev,M (2315)-Die Nordische Vert (2098) 68/(126) Paks 1996 (7)]

12...Rb8 13.axb5 axb5 14.Nf1 Bb6 15.h3 b4

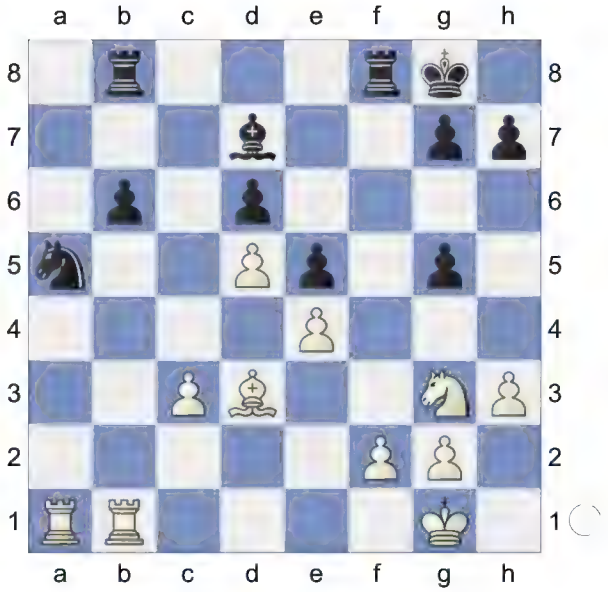
(Diagram)



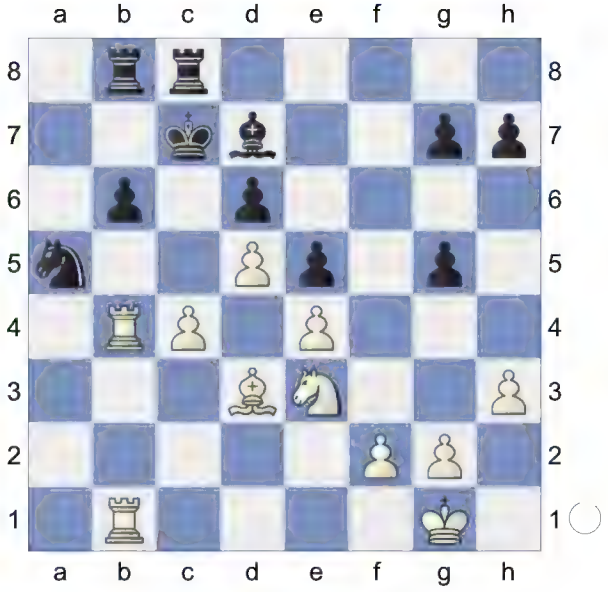
16.Ng3 bxc3 17.bxc3 Nh4 18.Nxh4
[18.Ng5 keeps more tension. g6 19.Bb3 Qf6 20.Bd5]
18...Qxh4 19.Qd2 f6 1.05/17
Prevents Bg5
[19...h6± 0.48/18]
20.Reb1± Bd7 1.80/21
[20...Ne7± 0.97/17 was worth a try.]



21.d5 Na5 22.Bd3 Inhibits Nc4.
22...Kg8 23.Bxb6 cxb6 24.Qe3 1.24/18
[24.Qb2+- 2.55/19]
24...Qg5 25.Qxg5
[25.Rxb6? Qxe3 26.fxe3 Rxb6-+]
25...fxg5



26.Rb4 Rfc8 27.c4 0.57/23
[27.Ba6± 1.03/21 Rc5 28.Nf1]
27...Kf7± 28.Rab1 Ke7 29.Nf1 Kd8 30.Ne3 Kc7



31.Be2 0.27/22
[31.Nf5± 0.70/22]
31...Rb7 0.88/20
[31...Nb7!= 0.27/22]
Black is on the road to losing. **32.Bg4 Rcb8** 1.41/20

[Better is 32...Bxg4 0.92/20 33.hxg4 g6]

33.Bxd7± Kxd7 34.f3 Rc7 2.40/21

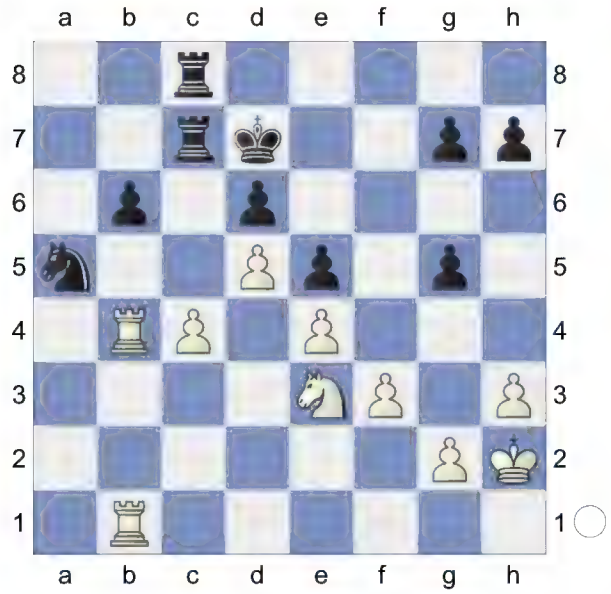
[34...g6± 1.51/20 35.Kh2 h6]

35.Kh2

[35.Rxb6 Rxb6 36.Rxb6 Nxc4 37.Nxc4 Rxc4±]

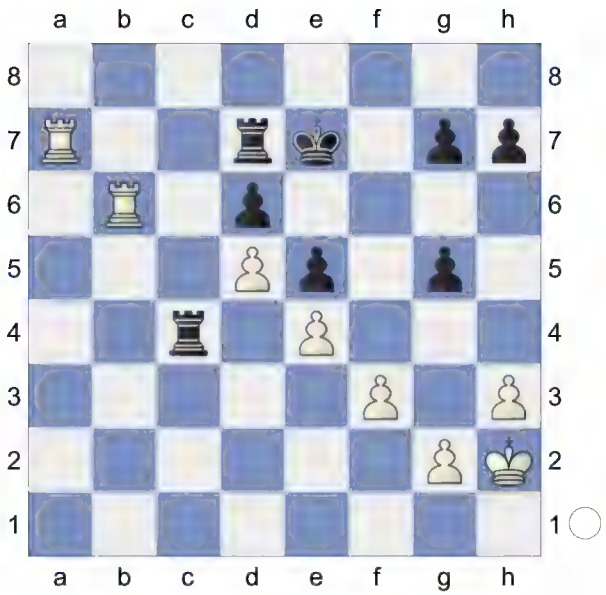
35...Rbc8 3.46/22

[⌓35...g6 2.40/19 36.Ra4 *(36.Rxb6 Rxb6 37.Rxb6 Nxc4±)* 36...Rcc8]

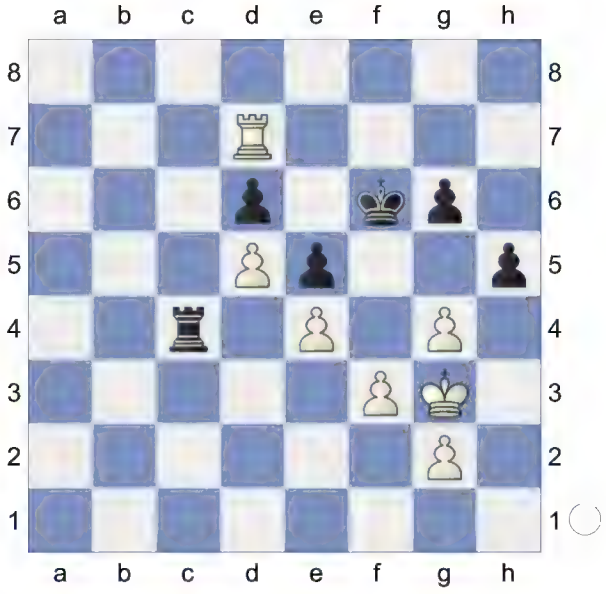


36.Rxb6+- Nxc4 37.Nxc4 Rxc4 Endgame KRR-KRR **38.Ra6 Ke7 39.Rbb6 Rd8 40.Ra7+** White is clearly winning. **40...Rd7**

(Diagram)



41.Rbb7 Rxb7 42.Rxb7+ KR-KR **42...Kf6 43.Rd7 g4 44.hxg4 g6 45.Kg3 h5**



46.Rxd6+ Kg5 47.gxh5 gxh5 48.Re6 h4+ 49.Kh3 Kf4 50.Rf6+ Ke3

(Diagram)

51.Kxh4 Kf2

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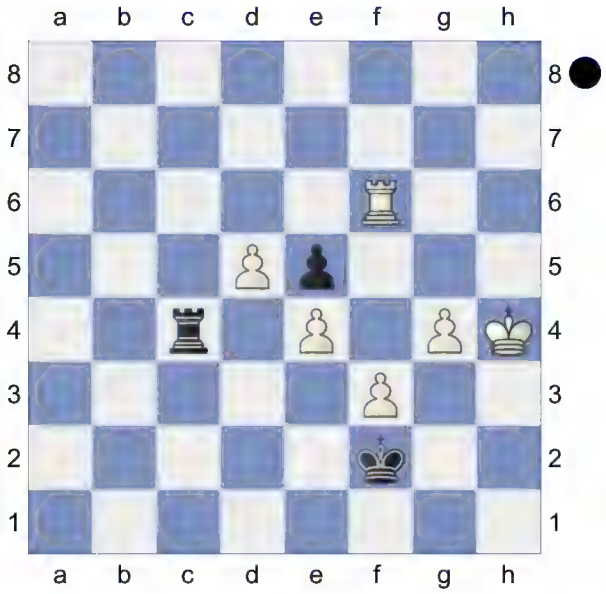
52.g4



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95 **C70**

□ **Ding,Liren** **2734**

■ **Matinian,Nikita** **2415**

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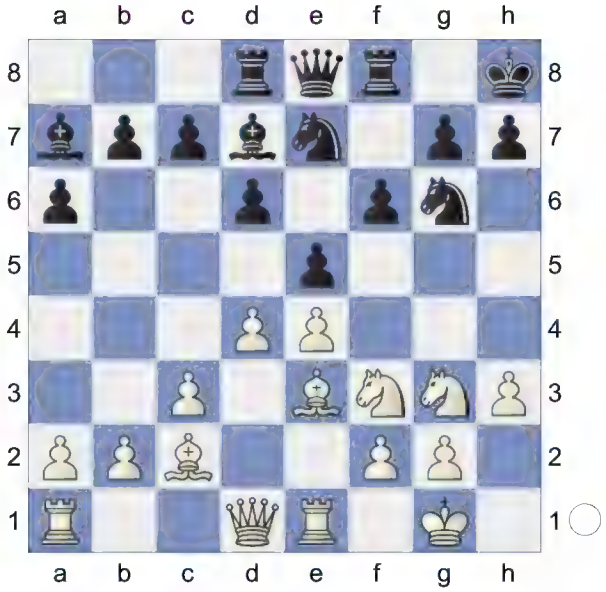
C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 1 **e5** 3 **2.Nf3** 0 **Nc6** 0 **3.Bb5** 2 **a6** 2 **4.Ba4** 1 **Bc5** 2 **5.0-0** 8 **Nge7** 19

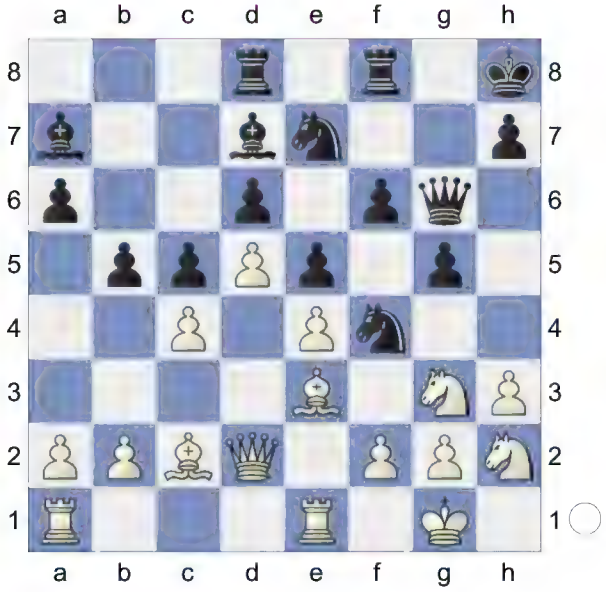
6.c3 1 **Ng6** 29 **7.d4** 1 **Ba7** 1 **8.Bg5** 1 **f6** 4 White is slightly better. **9.Be3** 0 **0-0** 12 **10.Re1** 3 **Kh8** 9

(Diagram)

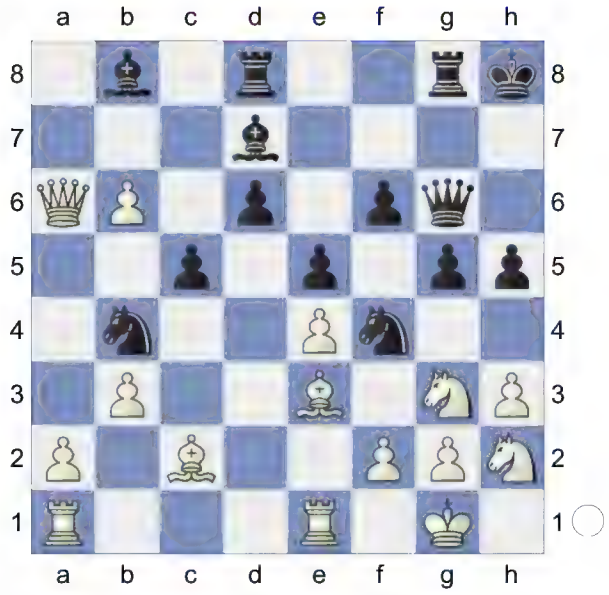
11.h3 0 **d6** 6 **12.Nbd2** 1:12 **Nce7** 5
[12...exd4 13.cxd4 Nce7 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 Bd7 17.Bc2 Re8 18.Be4 Bc6 19.Qc2 Nf8 20.Ng3 Qd7 21.h4 Re6 22.Bf5 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Qf7 24.Bd3 Qd7 25.Bf5 Qf7 26.Bd3 Qd7 27.Bf5 1-0 (44) De Almeida,C (2556)-Mecelica,E (2505) 67/2 El Vendrell 1996 (2)]
13.Bc2 56 **Qe8N** 1:57
[13...c5 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 b5 16.Qd2 Bd7 17.a4 Rfd8 18.Nh5 Be8 19.axb5 axb5 20.b4 exd4 21.cxd4 Nc6 22.bxc5 dxc5 23.Nf4 Nxd4 24.Nxg6+ Bxg6 25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.Bd3 Bb6 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Qb2 ½-½ (49) Silar (2441)-Skopec,L (2585) EU-chT (Men) 17th 2009 (7) Rb8 29.Rc1 Qf4 30.Rc6 Be8 31.Rc2 Qd6 32.e5 fxe5 33.Re2 Bd8 34.Nxe5 Bf6 35.f4 b4 36.Qb3 Bxe5 37.fxe5 Qe7 38.e6 Rc8 39.Qd5 Rd8 40.Qe5 Kg8 41.Rf2 Rc8 42.Qxd4 Qxe6 43.Be4 ½-½ (49) Movahed,S (2441)-Sasikiran,K (2585) Tsaghkadzor op 2023 (7)]
[13...c6 14.Nf1 Be6 15.Ng3 Qd7 16.b3 Nf4 17.Qd2 Neg6 18.Nf5 Bb8 19.Rad1 Qf7 20.g3 d5 21.h4 Nh3+ 22.Kh2 Ne7 23.dxe5 fxe5 24.Bc5 dxe4 25.Bxe7 Re8 26.Bxe4 Bxf5 27.Ng5 Nxg5 28.Bxg5 1-0 (48) Hlavacek,J (2222)-Borissov,J (2402) World Championship Match, 43rd Game 1985 (3)]
14.Nf1 13 **Bd7** 10 **15.Ng3** 1 **Rd8** 3



16.Qe2 1:28 **c5** 0.81/20 1:16
[16...d5± 0.35/17]
17.d5 29 **Nf4** 27 **18.Qd2** 14 **g5** 4 **19.Nh2** 4 **Qg6** 57 **20.c4** 3 **b5** 7

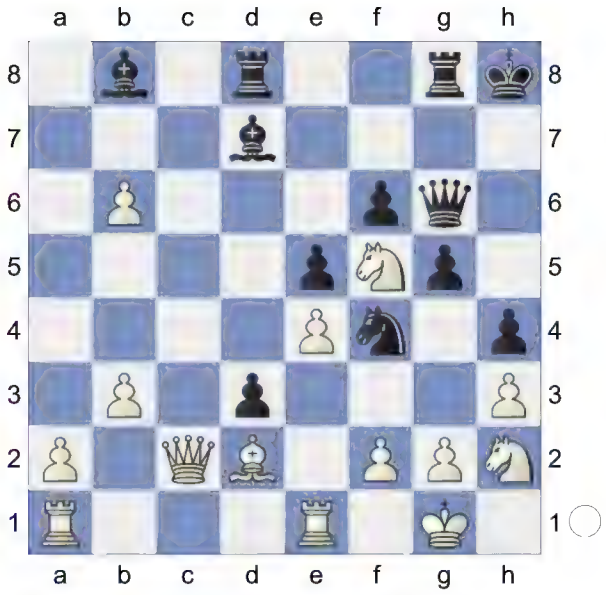


21.b3 2 **Rg8** 0.87/18 21
[21...h5⩲ 0.40/20]
22.Qa5± 41 **h5** 1:06 **23.Qxa6** 37 **Bb8** 1
24.cxb5 -0.07/18 1
[24.Kh1± 0.91/17]
24...Nexd5= 31 **25.b6** -0.78/17 1:17
[25.Qa5!= -0.07/17]
25...Nb4!∓ 15



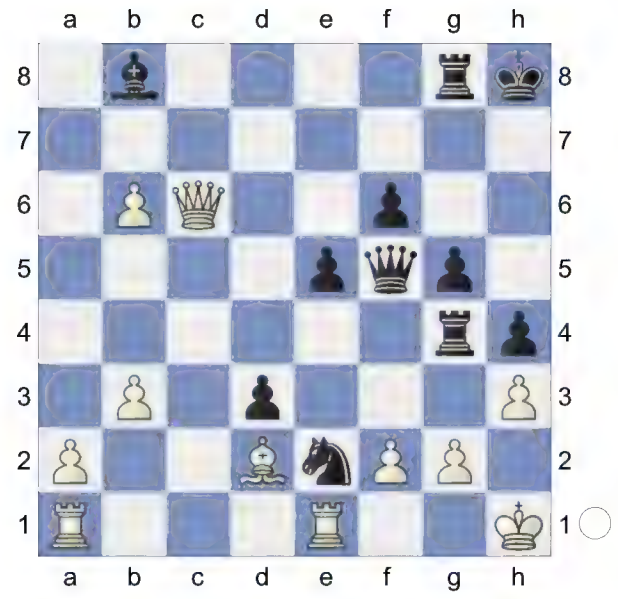
26.Qc4 1 **d5!** 3 **27.Qxc5** 1 **Nxc2** -0.28/16 3
[27...Bd6!∓ -1.35/18 28.Qxd6 Nxc2]
28.Qxc2= 0 **d4** 0.11/20 8
[⌓28...dxe4 -0.29/19 29.Qxe4 *(29.Nxe4 Rc8±)* 29...f5]
29.Bd2 1 **h4!** 7 **30.Nf5** 1 **d3** 1

(Diagram)



31.Qc4 23 **Bxf5** 0.51/17 1
[Black should play 31...Be6!= 0.00/20 32.Qa6 *(32.Ne7 Qg7∓)* 32...Bxf5 33.exf5 Qxf5]
32.exf5⩲ 2 **Qxf5** 0 **33.Ng4!** 21 **Rd4?** 5.10/20 4
[33...Rc8!⩲ 0.54/17 34.Qb5 Rgd8 *(34...Rc2? 35.Nh6+-)*]
34.Qc6? -0.42/21 2
[34.Nh6 Ne2+ 35.Kh1 *(35.Rxe2 Qg6=)* 35...Rxc4⩲]
[Only move: 34.Qxg8+!+- 5.10/20 Kxg8 35.Nh6+ Kh7 36.Nxf5 Ne2+ 37.Kf1]
34...Ne2+∓ 13 **35.Kh1** -0.46/19 34
[35.Kf1 Rd6 36.Qa8±]
35...Rxg4 0.00/19 1
[35...Rd6!∓ -0.46/19 was preferable. 36.Qc4 Qd7 *(36...Rxb6? 37.Qxg8+* Decoy *Kxg8 38.Nh6+ Kh7 39.Nxf5+-)*]

(Diagram)



36.hxg4= 0 **Qxf2** 1 **37.Qf3** -3.31/21 4
[37.Be3!= 0.00/19 and White stays safe. Qxe3 38.Qxf6+ Kh7 39.Qf7+ Kh8 40.Qf6+]
37...Ng3+-+ 8
[37...Qxb6 38.Rxe2 *(38.Qxd3? Ng3+ 39.Kh2 e4-+)* 38...dxe2 39.Qxe2∓]
38.Kh2 1 **Qxd2** 6 **39.Qxf6+** 2 **Kh7** 0
40.Rad1 3 **Qf4** -1.33/16 2
[40...Qxa2? 41.Rxd3 Rg7 42.Rd8+-]
[40...e4-+ -4.14/21 has better winning chances. 41.Qe7+ *(41.Rxd2? Nh5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *42.Kg1 Nxf6-+)* 41...Rg7 42.Qxg7+ Kxg7 43.Rxd2 Nf1+ 44.Kh1 Nxd2]

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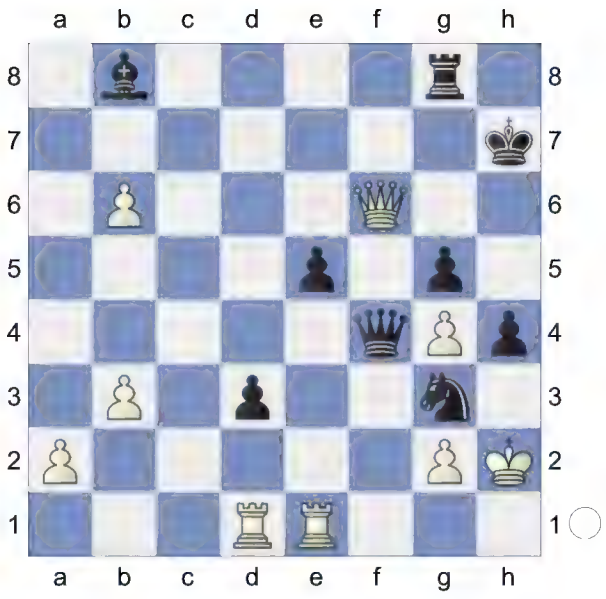
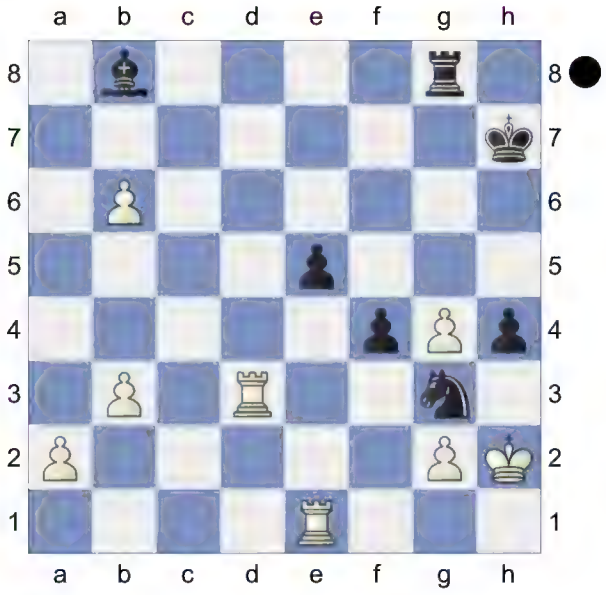


41.Qxf4∓ 1 **gxf4** 0 **42.Rxd3** 1



e4! 1
[42...Rxg4? 43.Rd8 Rg8 44.Rxg8 Kxg8 45.Rd1+-]
43.Rd7+ -2.07/19 0
[43.Rd5 -1.66/20 was worth a try.]
43...Kh6-+ 1 **44.a4** 3 **f3?** 0.00/22 0
[44...Rxg4 45.Rd8 f3 *(45...Be5 46.Kh3±)* 46.Rxb8±]
[44...h3-+ -2.56/20 aiming for ...Kg5. 45.a5 *(45.Kxh3? Rh8-+; 45.gxh3 f3-+)* 45...f3 *(45...hxg2 46.Kxg2 Rc8 47.Red1=)* 46.gxf3 *(46.gxh3? f2-+)*

46...exf3]
45.gxf3= 1 **exf3** 1

46.Kg1? -1.54/18 2
[46.Re6+!= 0.00/22 Kg5 47.Kh3]
46...Rxg4? 0.30/21 2
[46...Kg5!∓ -1.54/18 47.Kf2 h3 *(47...Kxg4 48.Rd4+ Bf4 49.b7=)*]
47.Kf2 0 Rd8! would now be deadly. Some like it hot **47...Ne4+** 1.54/20 1
[47...Rb4!± 0.39/17]
48.Kxf3± 1 **Rf4+** 1 **49.Ke3** 1.45/19 3
[Better is 49.Ke2+- 2.66/18]
49...Nf6 0 **50.Rd8** 3 White is more active.
[50.Rd4 Ng4+ 51.Kd3 Ne5+ 52.Rxe5 *(52.Kc3? Rxd4 53.a5 Rd3+ 54.Kc2 Rg3-+)* 52...Bxe5=]
50...Re4+ 1

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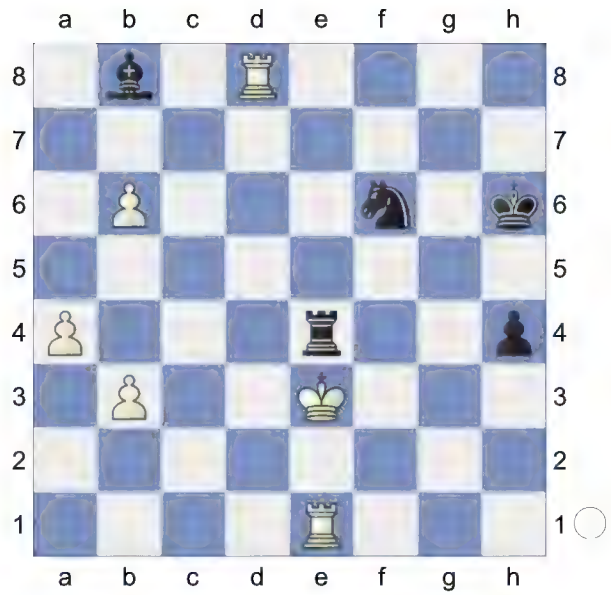
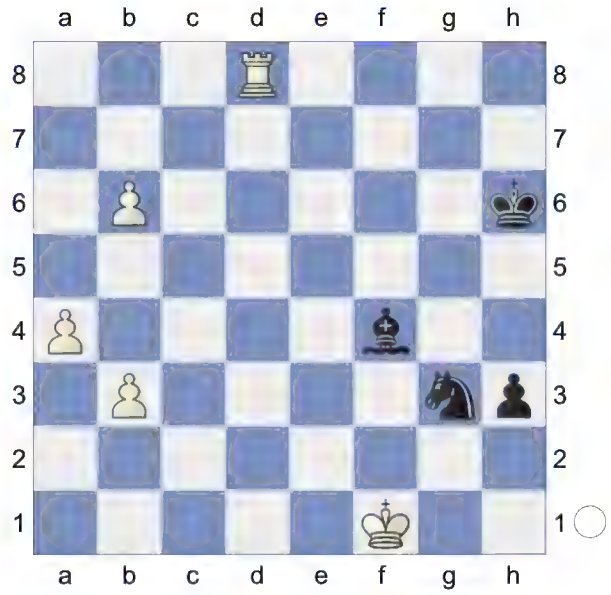
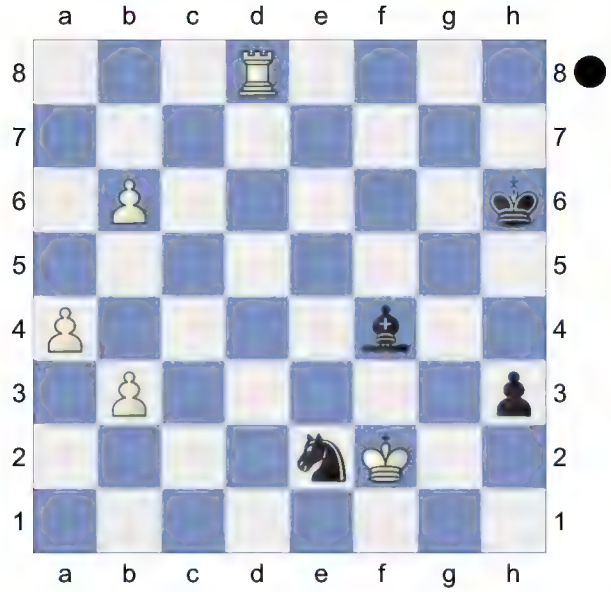


51.Kd2! 4 **Bf4+** 1 **52.Kd1** 0 **Rxe1+??** 6.60/18 2
[52...Rb4± 1.39/17]
53.Kxe1+- 0 **h3** 0 **54.Kf2** 3 **Ne4+** 2
55.Kf1? 1.31/16 4
[55.Kf3+- 6.39/22 and the rest is easy. h2 56.Kxf4]
55...Ng3+? 6.61/18 1
[55...Kg7± 1.31/16 56.Re8 h2]



56.Kg1 2 **Ne2+** 1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.61

57.Kf2 1



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96 **C70**
□ **Vitiugov,N** **2676**
■ **Makkar,Rajat** **2406**
111th ch-GBR 2025 (3.1) 04.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7**

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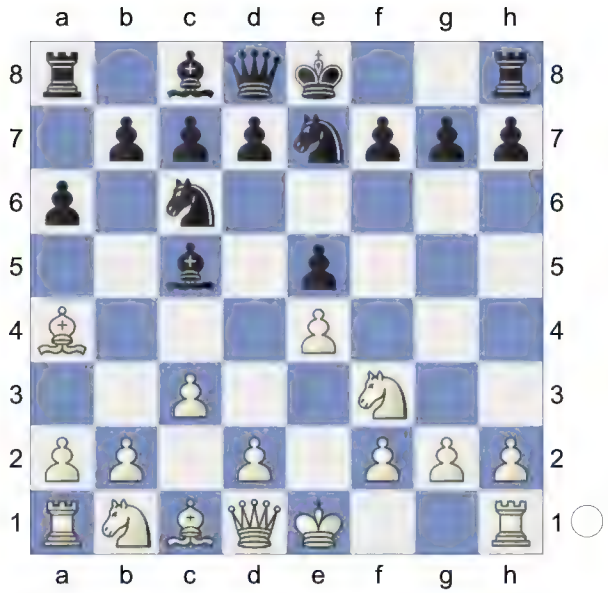
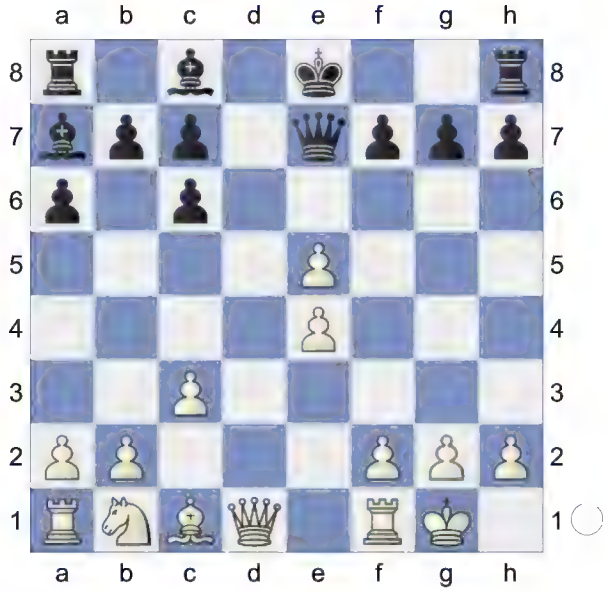
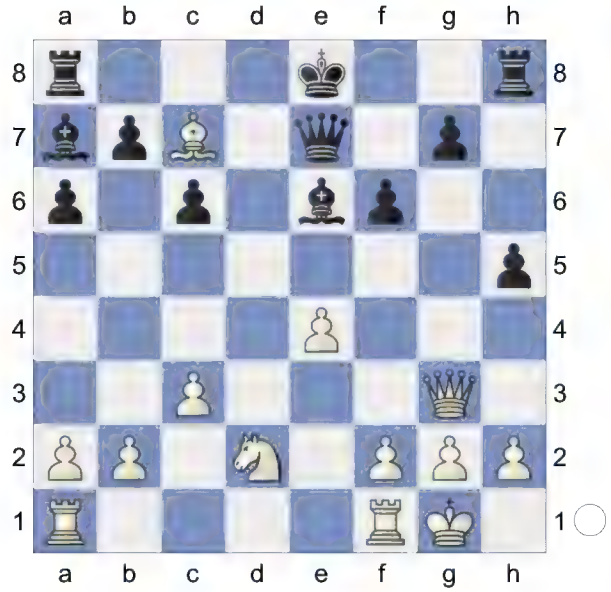


6.0-0 Ba7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Bxc6 dxc6
White is slightly better. **9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qe7**



11.Qf3 Qxe5 12.Bf4 Qe7 13.Qg3! f6
[13...0-0 14.Nd2 Bb6 15.Rae1 Be6 16.e5 Bf5 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Qe6 19.Rfe1 Rad8 20.h4 h6 21.Bc1 f5 22.exf6 Qxf6 23.Rf4 Qd6 24.Kf1 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Qf3 Qe6 27.Bd2 Qxa2 28.g3 0-1 (50) Anton Guijarro,D (2665)-Le,T (2564) Julius Baer GenCup P/I m D1 rapid 2024 (1. 2)]

14.Bxc7 Be6 15.Nd2 h5



16.h4N g5! 17.hxg5

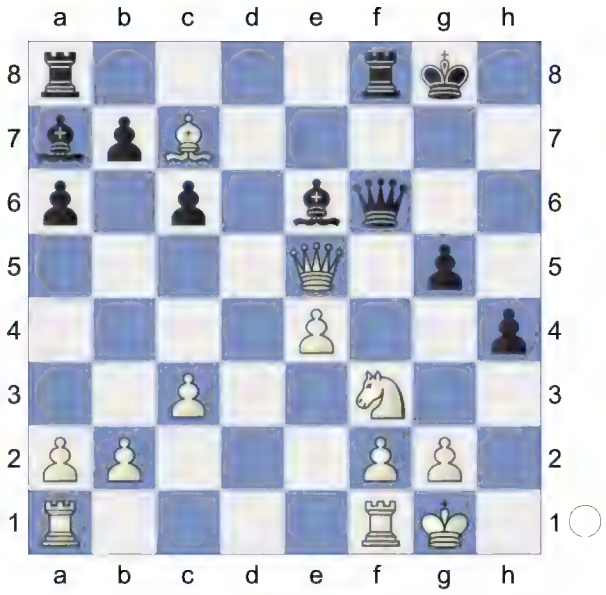
[17.Nf3!? gxh4 18.Nxh4 Rh7 19.Bd6 *(19.Bf4 Rg7 20.Qf3 Bg4 21.Qd3 Qd7 22.Qxd7+ Rxd7 23.Rae1* Chapter-4...Bc5 5.c3 Nge7!? Spanish for White part 2 2024*)* 19...Qg7 20.Qxg7 Rxg7 21.Bf4 0-0-0 22.Rad1 Rdg8 23.Kh1 Bc4 24.Nf5 Bxf1 25.Nxg7 Bxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Rxg7+ 27.Kf3 Bb6 Line 7 5.0-0 Nge7 6.c3 Nge7-N,N]

17...h4 18.Qf4 fxg5 19.Qe5 0-0 1.38/19

[19...Rh7= 0.21/20 keeps the balance.]

20.Nf3± Qf6

(Diagram)



21.Qxf6 Remove Defender

[But not 21.Nxg5?! Bc4±]

[21.Qxg5+ Qxg5 22.Nxg5 Bc4±]

21...Rxf6 22.Be5!↑ Keeping Black busy.

[22.Nxg5 Bc4±]

22...Rg6 23.Bd4! Bxd4 24.Nxd4 0.94/18

[⌓24.cxd4 1.42/21 Rd8 25.Rfe1]

24...Bc4 1.38/22

[⌓24...g4 0.94/18]

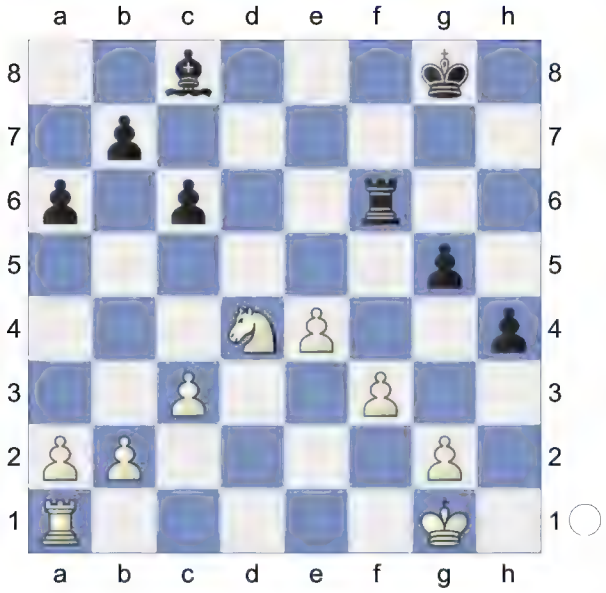
25.Rfd1 Rf8

26.Nf5 and Ne7+ would now be decisive

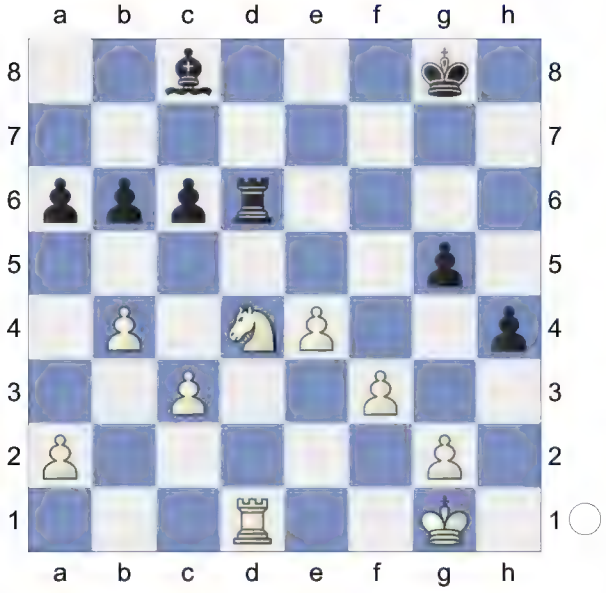
26...Rgf6 27.Rd7 2.33/18

[27.Rd6± 1.50/20]

27...R8f7+- 28.Rxf7 Bxf7 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **29.f3 Be6 30.Nd4 Bc8**



31.Rd1 Rd6 ...c5 would now be deadly. **32.b4 b6**



33.Rd2! Kf7 34.Kf2 Kf6 1.71/20

[34...a5± 0.99/22 is a better defense.]

35.Ke3 c5 2.20/22

[⌓35...Ke5 1.75/19 36.g3 hxg3]

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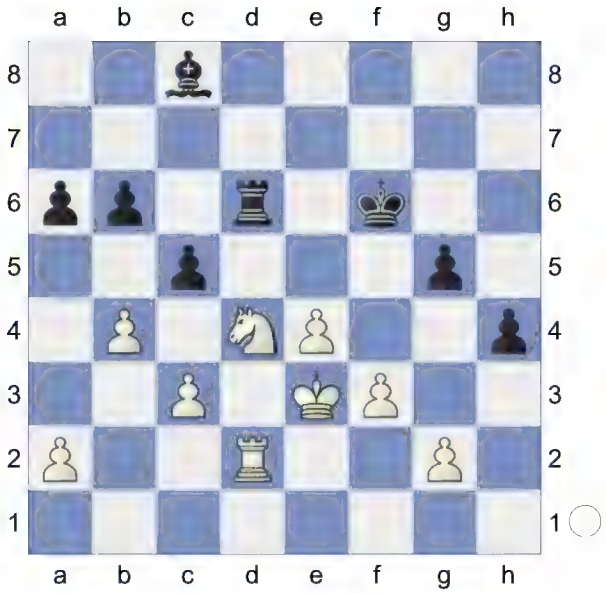
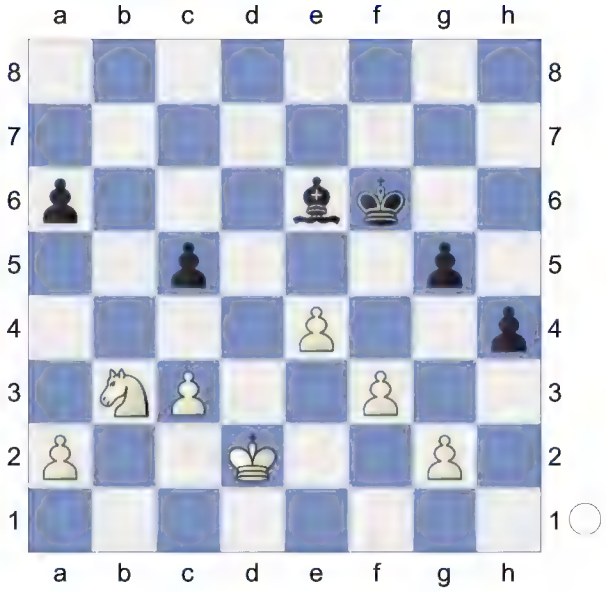


36.bxc5 bxc5 37.Nb3 Rxd2 38.Kxd2 KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **38...Be6** 2.34/22

[⌓38...Ke5 1.78/22]



39.Ke3!

[39.Nxc5 Bxa2 40.Nd7+ *(40.Nxa6 Bc4=)* 40...Ke6 41.Nc5+ Kf6=]

39...Bxb3? 4.67/17

[39...g4 2.34/21 40.fxg4 *(40.Nxc5 h3+-)* 40...Kg5]

40.axb3 White is clearly winning. **40...a5**

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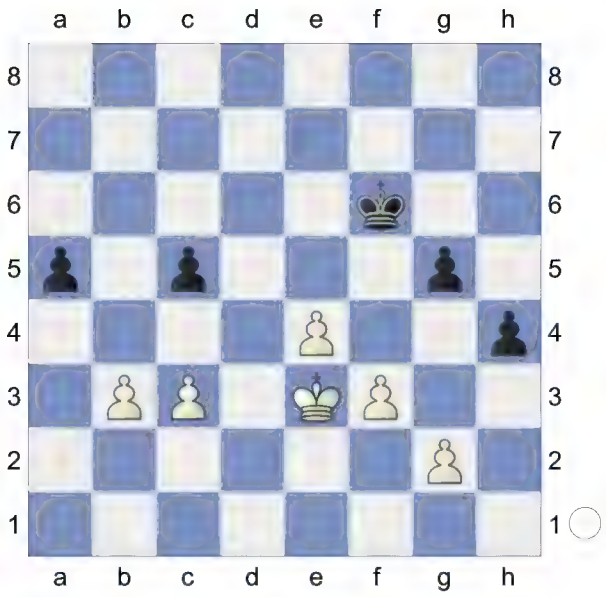

41.c4 Ke6 42.Kf2 Ke5 43.g3 h3
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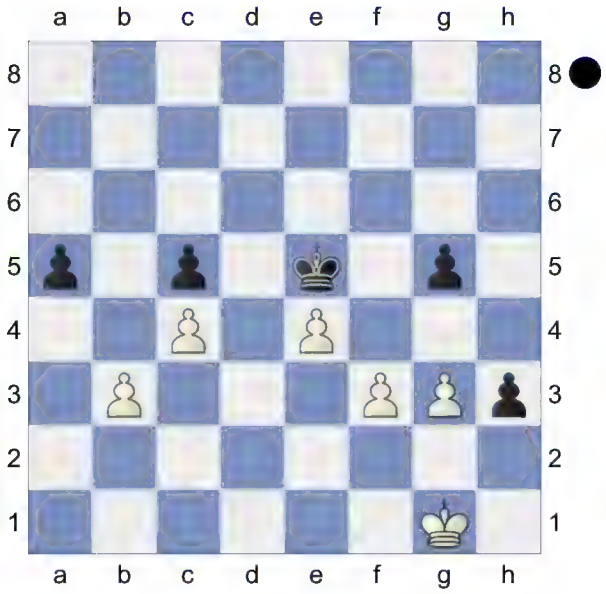
44.Kg1



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97 **C70**
□ **Kamsky,Gata** **2609**
■ **Perez Gormaz,M** **2396**
Titled Tue 31st Dec Early blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2
White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+**
9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5

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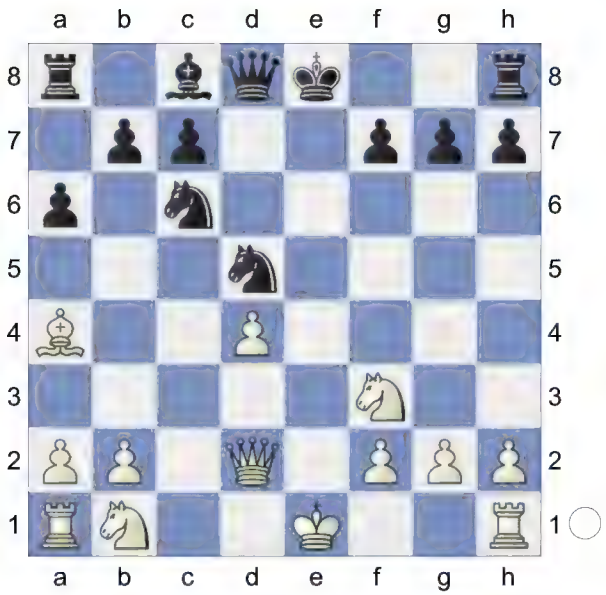
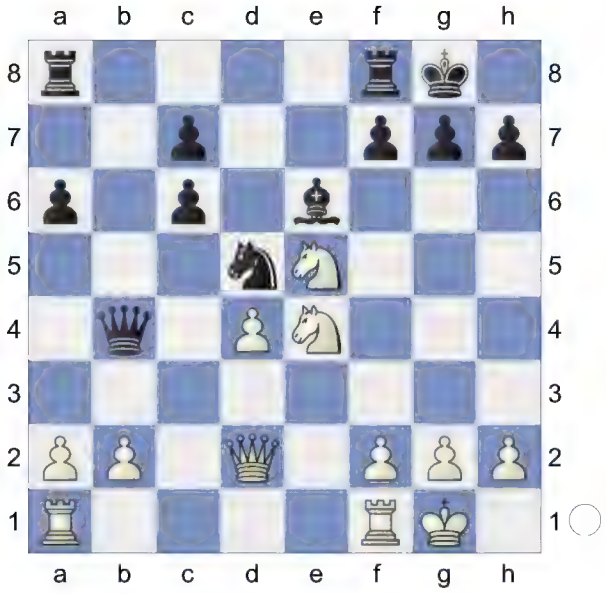


11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Ne5 Qd6N

[14...Nxc3 15.Nxc6 Ne4 16.Qf4 Qd6 17.Qxe4 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 9. Ruy Lopez Delayed Classica-Delayed Classical Bxd2]

15.Ne4 Qb4



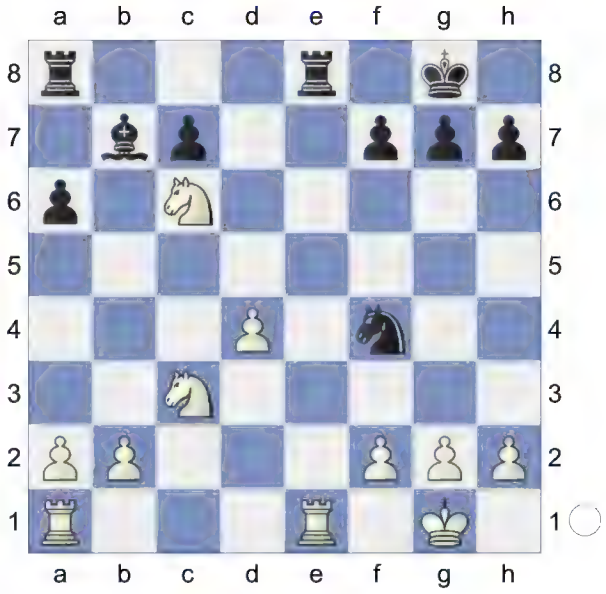
16.Nxc6 Qxd2 17.Nxd2 A dynamic duo of knights. **17...Nf4 18.Ne4 Rfe8 19.Nc3↑** Repels Ne2+. White has the initiative. **19...Bc8** 1.05/20

[19...Bd7± 0.41/18 20.Ne5 Be6]

20.Rfe1 0.33/21

[20.Na5± 1.05/20]

20...Bb7±



21.d5 Kf8 22.Rad1 Bxc6

[22...Rxe1+!? 23.Rxe1 Nxd5 Remove Defender 24.Nxd5 Bxc6=]

23.dxc6 Nd3 1.19/23 **24.Rxe8+±**

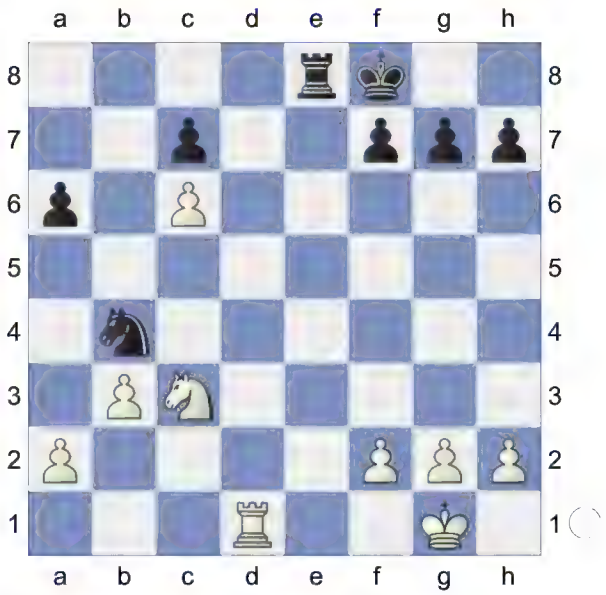
[24.Rxd3? Rxe1#]

24...Rxe8 Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **25.b3** 0.27/24

[25.Rxd3? Re1#]

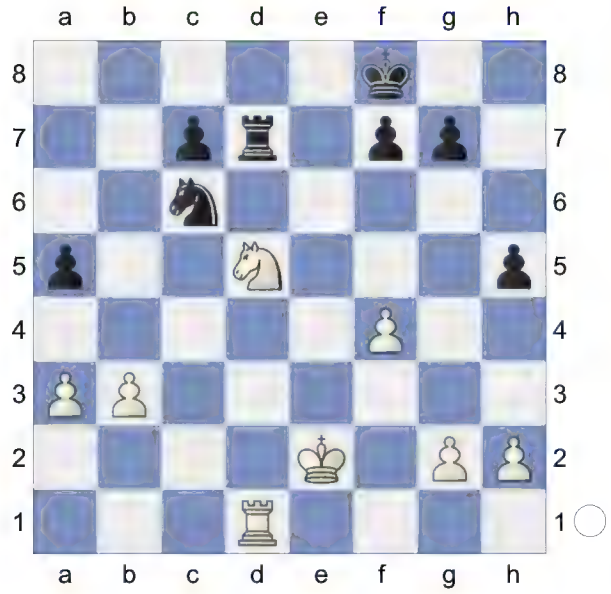
[25.Kf1!± 1.44/22 Nxb2 26.Rd4]

25...Nb4



26.Kf1 Nxc6 27.Nd5 Rd8 and ...Nb4

would now be decisive **28.Ke2** **Rd7**
29.f4 a5 0.54/21
[29...f6= 0.16/21 deserves consideration.]
30.a3 h5



31.g3 g6 0.82/20
[31...f6= 0.30/21]
32.Rd3 Kg7 1.27/20
[32...h4± 0.66/21]
33.Ke3 0.67/22
[33.Kd2± 1.27/20]
33...Na7 34.Nc3 Re7+ 35.Kf2 0.25/22
[35.Kd2!± 0.72/18]
35...Nc8 1.02/22
[35...Re6= 0.25/22]

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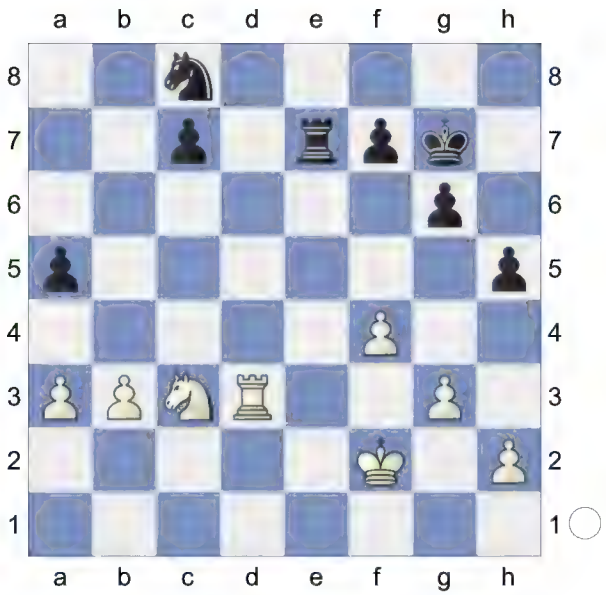
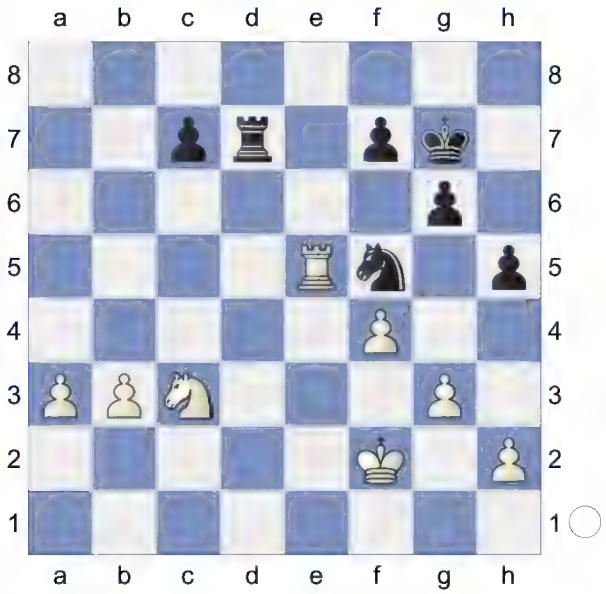


36.Rd5 Nd6 1.44/20
[⌓36...Re6 0.97/19]
37.Rxa5 White is more active. **37...Nf5** 2.38/23
[37...Re8± 1.44/21 keeps fighting. 38.a4 c6]
38.Re5+- Rxe7 is the strong threat.
38...Rd7



39.Rd5 Re7

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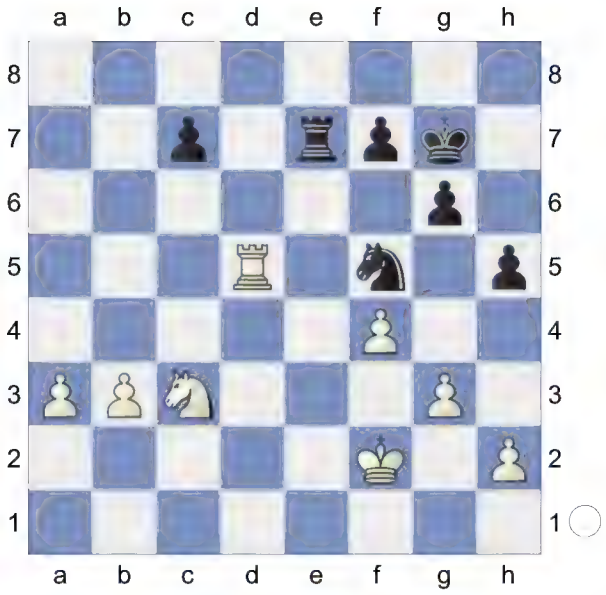
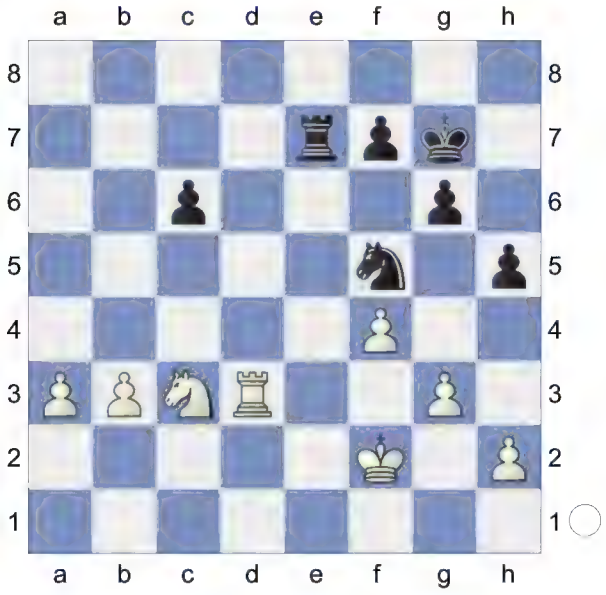


40.Rd3 Dodges Ne3 **40...c6**



41.b4 Ra7 42.Ne4 Ra8 43.Nc5 Kf6 44.a4 Ke7 45.Rd7+ White is clearly winning. **45...Kf6**

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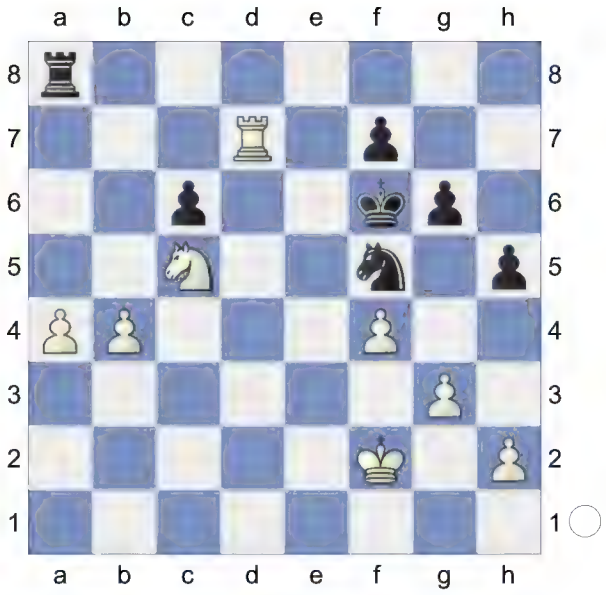

46.a5 Rb8 47.Rb7 Rd8

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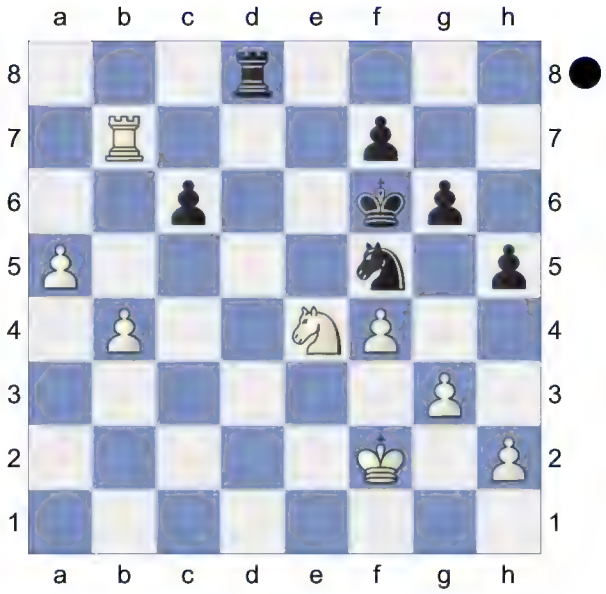
48.Ne4+



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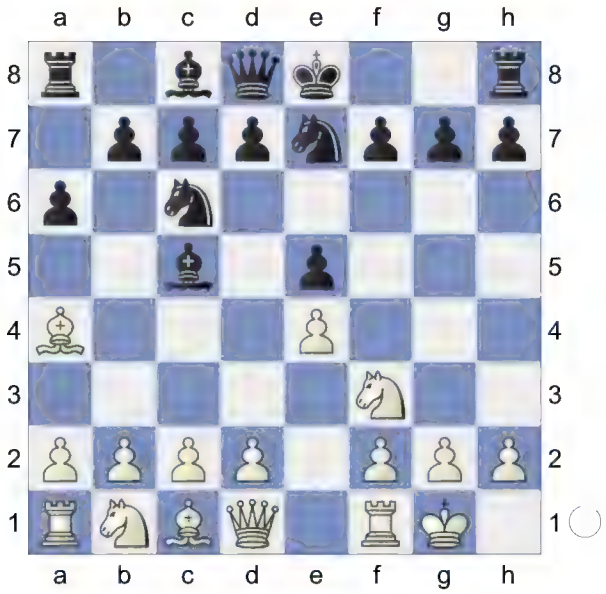
98 **C64**
□ **Narva,Mai** **2415**
■ **Maltsevskaya,Aleksandra** **2368**
Swiss Queens Wed #38 blitz (5) 16.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nge7



6.c3 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 f6
White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0**
10.Re1 d6

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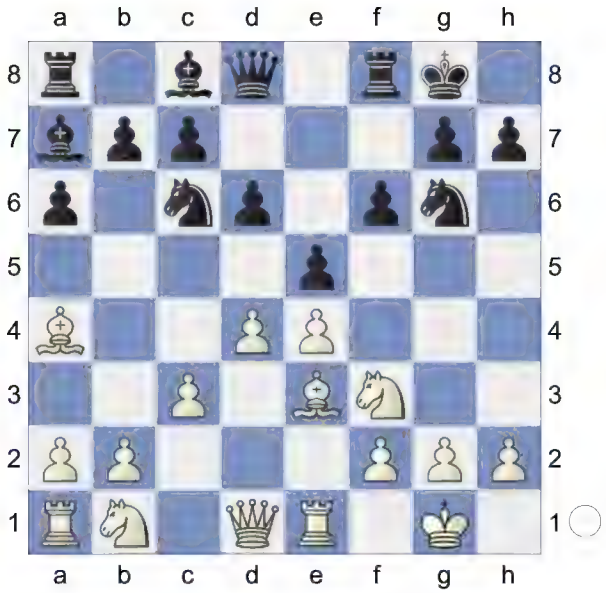

10...Kh8 is the hot move.10...Kh8 ist der hippe Zug. **11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.Nf1**

[12.Bc2 Bd7 13.Nf1 Bg4 14.d5 Nce7 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.Ne3 Bd7 Kobzar,A (2506)-Deschamps,Q (2631) New York Inv 1980]

[12.h3 Bd7 13.Rc1 Qe8 14.Bc2 a5 15.Nf1 b5 16.Ng3 a4 17.Nf5 Nd8 18.d5 Nf7 19.b3 Nf4 20.Bxa7 Rxa7 21.Kh2 g6 22.Ne3 axb3 23.axb3 Qc8 24.Ng1 Qb7 25.g3 Nh5 26.Bd3 Ra2 ½-½ (37) Zafirakos,J (1902)-Bjelobrk,I (2405) Oceania zt 3.6 2023 (4)]

12...Bg4 13.d5N -0.36/23

[13.Bxc6!± 0.33/24 bxc6 *(13...Nh4 14.Bxb7 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qd7* (16) 12) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.O-O-12 | 6.O-O: 8.Lg5 Nebenvarian Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch *)* 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3]

13...Nce7∓ 14.h3N

[14.Ng3? -1.98/23 14.h3 -0.31 Nh4 15.Bxa7 -2.22/21 *(15.Bc2* -1.75/19 is a better defense.*)* 15...Rxa7-+ 16.Qd3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Neg6 18.Qe3 Ra8 19.Kh1 -2.70/19 *(⌓19.Nf5* -1.99/19 *)* 19...Qc8 20.Rg1

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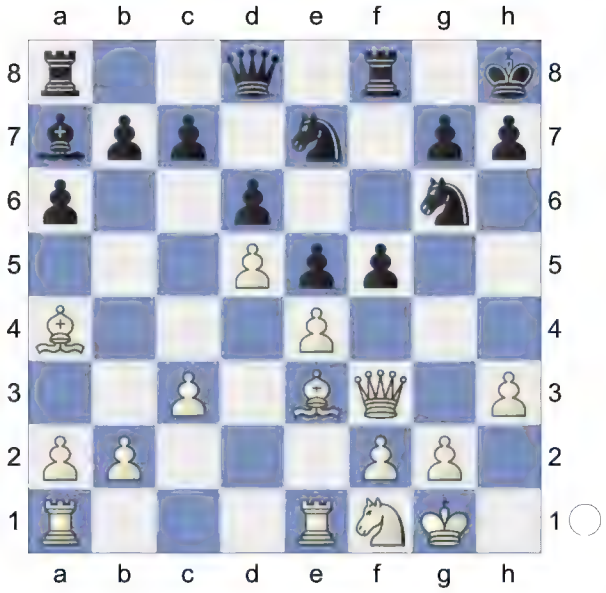
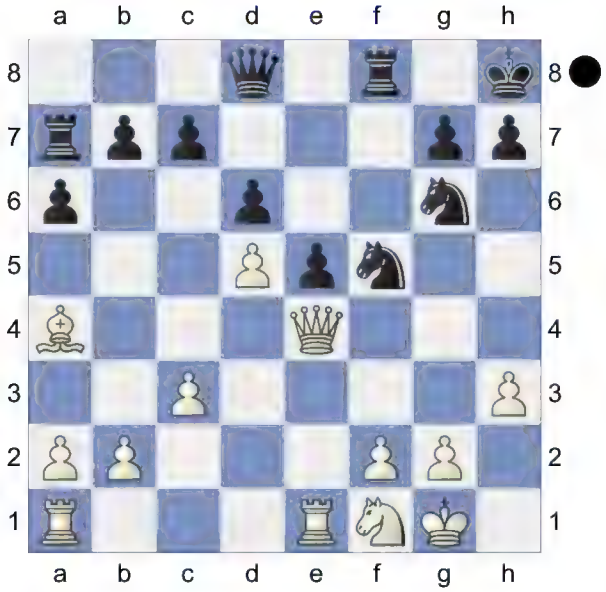
14...Bxf3 15.Qxf3 f5



16.Bxa7 Rxa7 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Qe4 -0.94/20

[18.Ng3∓ -0.56/20 Nfh4 19.Qe3]



18...Qg5 -0.20/22

[18...Nf4!∓ -0.94/20]

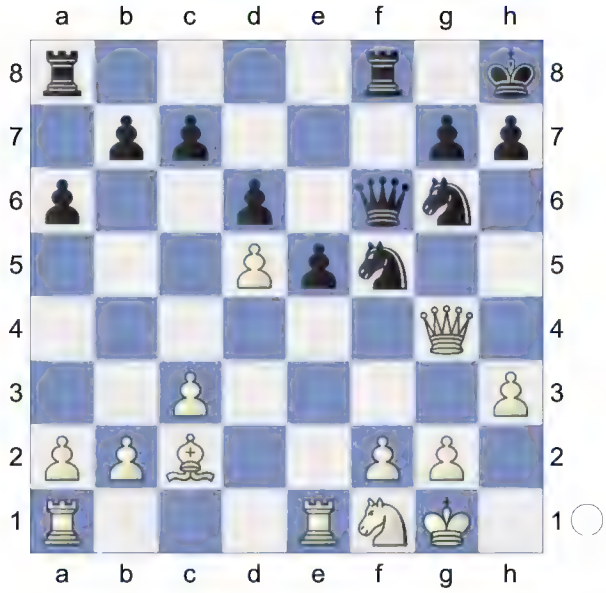
19.Bc2 -0.64/19

[19.g3= -0.20/22 deserves consideration.]

19...Raa8 0.23/23

[Better is 19...Nf4∓ -0.64/19 20.Kh2 Qh4]

20.Qg4 Qf6



21.Bxf5 Qxf5 22.Qxf5 Rxf5 23.Ne3 Rf7 24.g3 Raf8 25.Re2 h5

26.Kg2 Ne7 27.a4 Ng8 28.c4 Nf6 29.Nd1 h4 30.b4 Nh5

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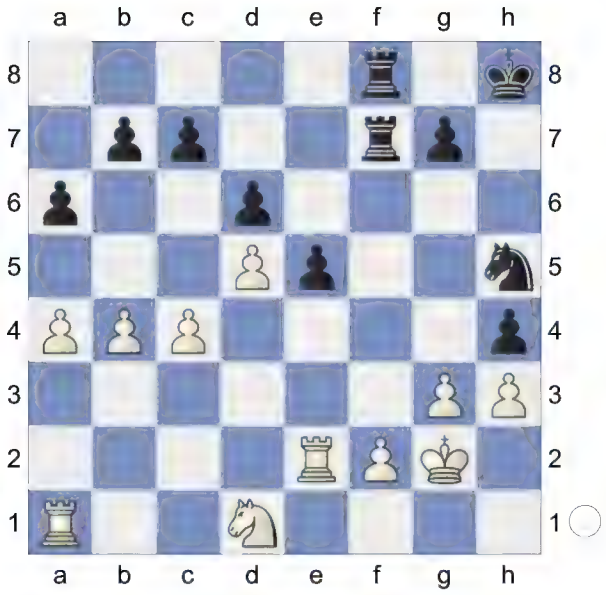
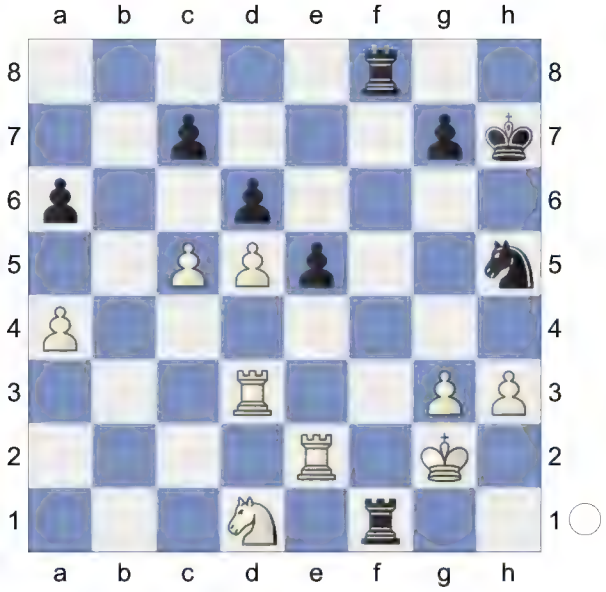


31.Ra3 hxg3 32.fxg3 Rf1 33.Rd3 b6 34.c5 bxc5 35.bxc5 Kh7



36.cxd6 cxd6 37.Nf2 Ra1 38.Re4? -2.74/21

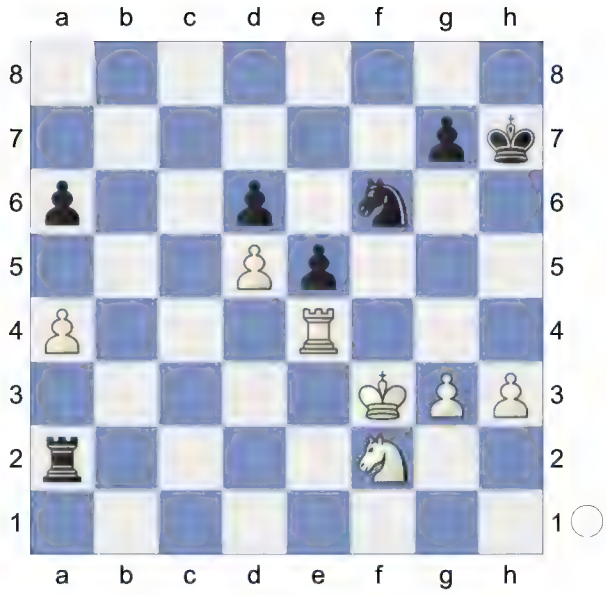
[38.Rb3= -0.10/20 and White is okay.]

38...Ra2-+ 39.Rf3 Rxf3 -1.09/21

[39...Nf6-+ -2.35/21 ...Rb8 is the strong threat. 40.Ree3 Rb8 *(40...Rxa4 41.Ra3∓)*]

40.Kxf3 Endgame KRN-KRN **40...Nf6**

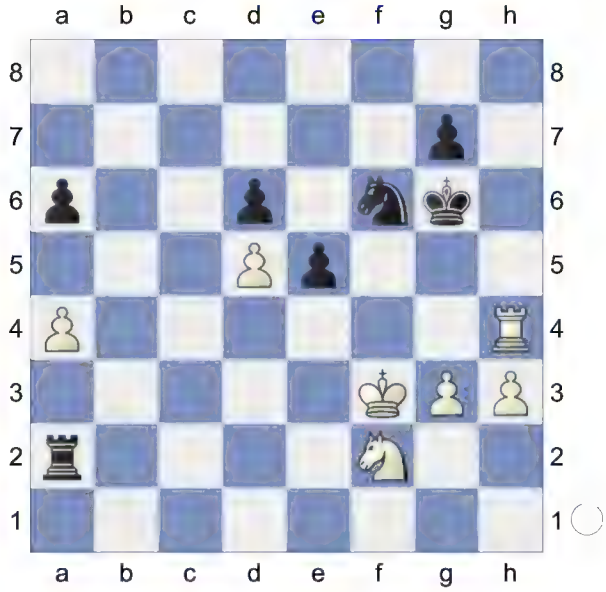
(Diagram)



41.Rh4+ -1.23/19

[⌓41.Rc4 -0.87/19]

41...Kg6∓



Black has more active pieces. **42.Ne4?** -4.86/20

[42.Rc4∓ -0.97/18 nothing else works.]

42...Ra3+-+

[42...Nxd5 43.Rg4+ Kh7 44.Nxd6=]

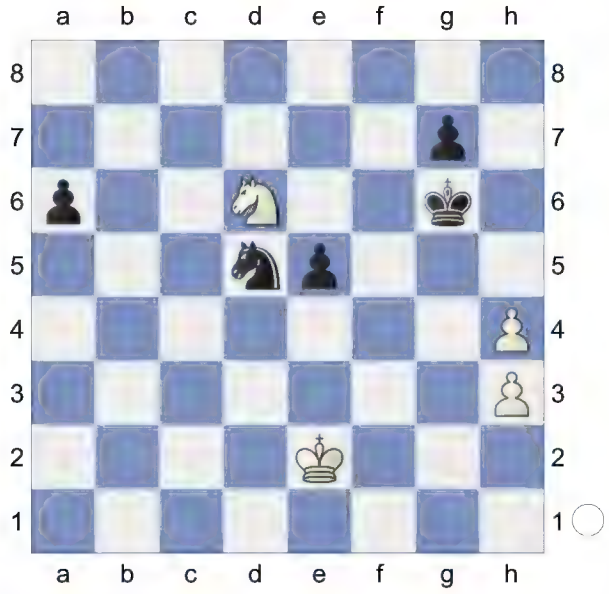
[42...Rxa4 43.Nxd6 Rxh4 44.gxh4∓]

43.Ke2 Rxa4

[And not 43...Nxd5 44.Rg4+ Kf7 45.Nxd6+ Kf6 46.Ne8+ Kf7

47.Nxg7=]

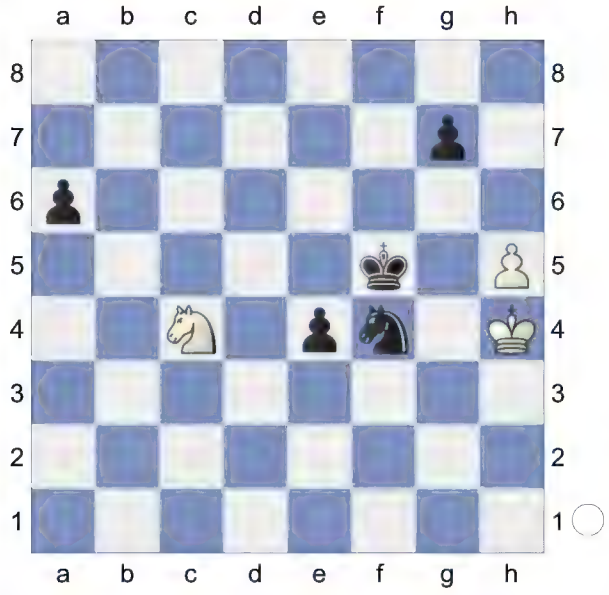
44.Nxd6 Rxh4 45.gxh4 Nxd5



KN-KN. Black is a pawn up. **46.Nc4 Kf5 47.h5 Nf4+ 48.Kf3 Nxh3 49.Kg3?** -6.72/26

[49.Nd6+ -3.54/18 Kg5 50.Nf7+ Kf6 *(50...Kxh5? 51.Nxe5 Ng5+ 52.Kf4-+)* 51.Nd6]

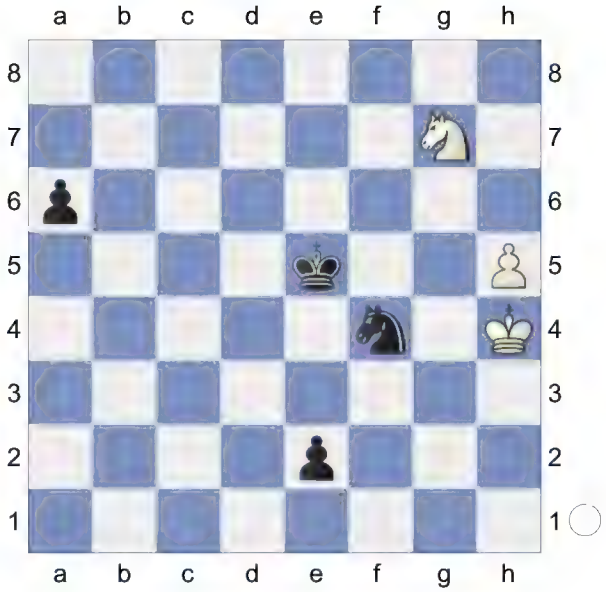
49...Nf4 50.Kh4 e4



51.Nd6+ Ke5 52.Ne8 e3 (-> ...e2) **53.Nxg7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.20 (precise)

53...e2



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99 **C70**

□ **Yu,Yangyi** **2700**

■ **Matinian,Nikita** **2340**

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[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6

1.e4 9 **e5** 5 **2.Nf3** 2 **Nc6** 1 **3.Bb5** 1 **a6** 1 **4.Ba4** 1 **Bc5** 2 **5.c3** 4 **Nge7** 8

(Diagram)

6.0-0 2 **Ba7** 11 **7.d4** 2 **Ng6** 5 **8.Be3** 2 **0-0** 6 White is slightly better. **9.Re1** 8 **b5** 23

[9...d6 10.h3 Bd7 *(10...h6 11.Nbd2 Nce7 12.Bc2 exd4 13.cxd4 f5 14.exf5 Nxf5 15.Nf1 Qf6 16.Qd3 Bd7 17.Rac1 Kh8 18.a4 Rae8 19.b4 Nfe7 20.N1h2 Bf5 21.Qd2 Bxc2 22.Rxc2 Nd5 23.Rec1 Nh4 24.Nxh4 Qxh4 25.Ng4* 1-0 (40) Stara,Z (1919)-Viti,G (1971) Prague Futures U15 Girls 7th 2025 (8)*)* 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Nf1 Kh8 13.Ng3 b5 14.Bc2 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.Qd2 Rae8 17.Rad1 Bb6 18.b4 exd4 19.cxd4 a5 20.a3 axb4 21.axb4 f5 22.exf5 Ne7 23.f6 Qxf6 24.Qd3 1-0 (58) Blomqvist,E (2483)-Laddha,S (2308) Fagernes Autumn op 2024 (9)]

10.Bc2 13 **d6** 14

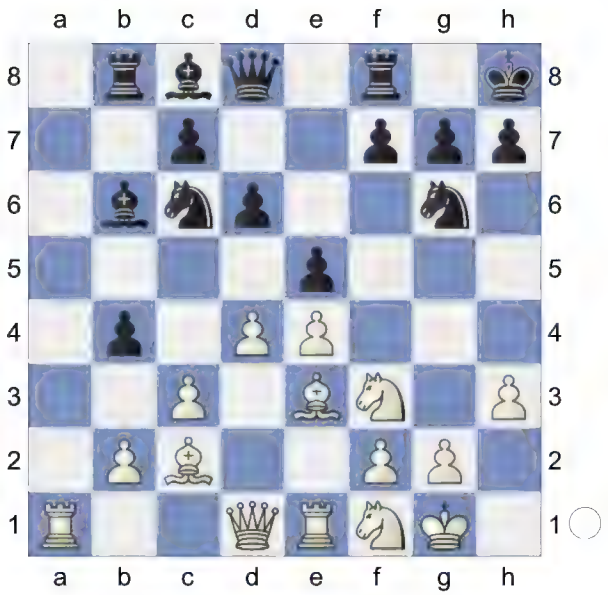
(Diagram)

11.Nbd2 2 **Kh8** 22 **12.a4N** 19

[12.h3 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Bxf5 Rxf5 15.dxe5 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Ncxe5 17.a4 bxa4 18.Rxa4 Qf6 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Ne4 Qg6 21.Rg3 Qe8 22.Rd4 Qf7 23.Qe2 h6 24.Ra4 Rf8 25.f3 Ng6 26.Rg4 Nf4 1-0 (87) Kacprzak,K (2315)-Chyzy,J (2098) POL-ch Blitz U18 2023 (7) 27.Qd2 h5 28.Rg5 Rxg5 29.Nxg5 Qf5 30.Ne4 Qg6 31.Kh2 h4 32.Qf2 Qh6 33.Rxa6 Re8 34.Ra5 Nd3 35.Qd2 Nf4 36.Rf5 Ne6 37.Qxh6+ gxh6 38.Rh5 Kg7 39.Rxh4 d5 40.Ng3 Ng5 41.Rd4 c6 1-0 (87) Rudnev,M (2315)-Die Nordische Vert (2098) 68/(126) Paks 1996 (7)]

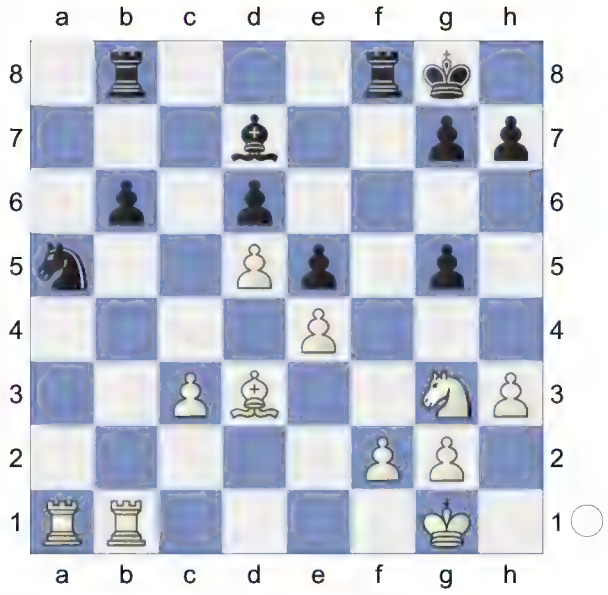
12...Rb8 1 **13.axb5** 2 **axb5** 0 **14.Nf1** 7 **Bb6** 8 **15.h3** 21 **b4** 7

(Diagram)



16.Ng3 7 **bxc3** 14 **17.bxc3** 0 **Nh4** 6
18.Nxh4 15
[18.Ng5 is more complex. g6 19.Nf5 Nxg2 20.Kxg2 f6 21.Nxh7 Rf7 22.Ng5]
18...Qxh4 0 **19.Qd2** 3 **f6** 1.10/18 12
Prevents Bg5.
[19...h6± 0.62/19 is superior.]
20.Reb1± 23 **Bd7** 1.86/20 4
[20...Ne7± 0.97/16]

21.d5+- 25 **Na5** 2.13/19 3
[⌓21...Ne7 1.71/20 22.Bxb6 cxb6]
22.Bd3 25 **Kg8** 2.55/20 46
[22...g6 1.81/19 23.Bxb6 cxb6]
23.Bxb6 14 **cxb6** 2 **24.Qe3** 1.27/19 1
[24.Qb2+- 2.30/19]
24...Qg5± 21 **25.Qxg5** 1
[25.Rxb6? loses. Qxe3 26.fxe3 Rxb6-+]
25...fxg5 1

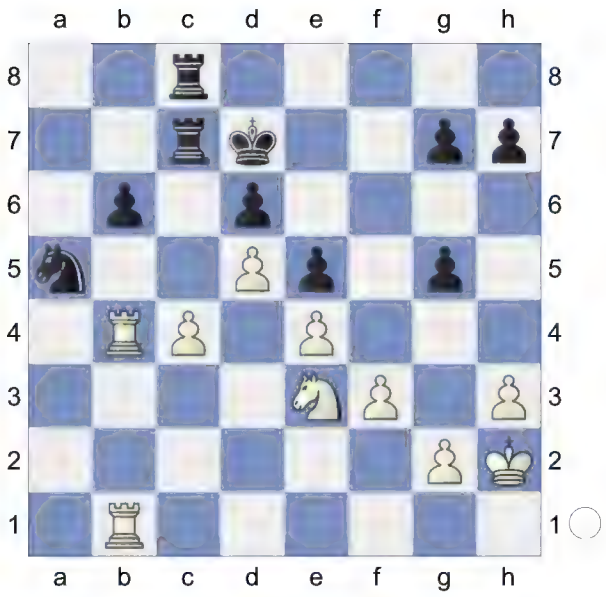


26.Rb4 1 **Rfc8** 2 **27.c4** 0.45/23 3
[27.Ba6± 1.09/22 Rc5 28.Bd3]
27...Kf7± 8 **28.Rab1** 2 **Ke7** 12 **29.Nf1** 1
Kd8 26 **30.Ne3** 42 **Kc7** 0.85/23 5
[30...Nb7± 0.45/23]

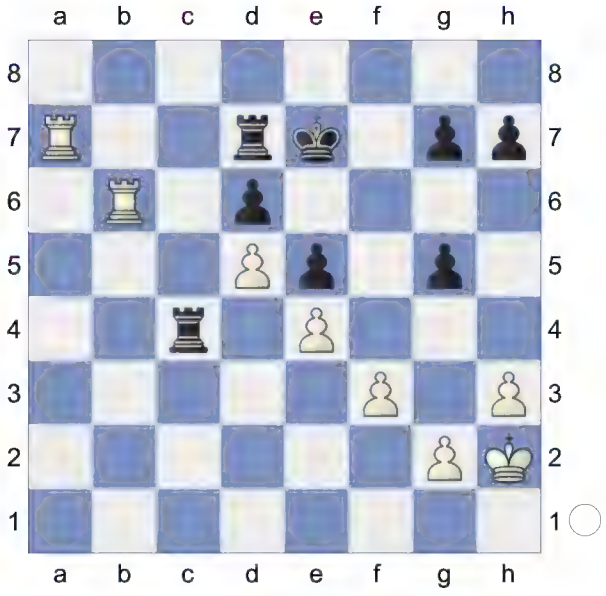
(Diagram)

31.Be2 0.19/21 1
[31.Nf5!± 0.85/23]
31...Rb7 1.02/21 43
[31...Nb7!= 0.19/21]
White leaves nothing to chance now.
32.Bg4↑ 2 White is really pushing.
32...Rcb8 1.85/21 1
[32...Bxg4± 0.88/22 33.hxg4 g6]
33.Bxd7+- 7 **Kxd7** 0 **34.f3** 3 **Rc7** 1.96/24 7
[34...g6± 1.42/21 35.g3 h5]
35.Kh2 3
[35.Rxb6 Rxb6 36.Rxb6 Nxc4 37.Nxc4 Rxc4±]
35...Rbc8 2

(Diagram)

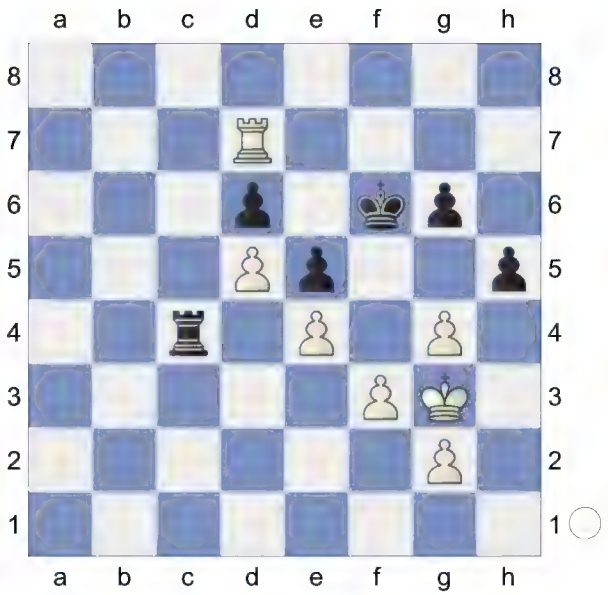


36.Rxb6 16 Black must now prevent Ra6. **36...Nxc4** 1 **37.Nxc4** 0 **Rxc4** 1 Endgame KRR-KRR **38.Ra6** 1 **Ke7** 7 **39.Rbb6** 4 **Rd8** 5.54/20 7
[39...R8c7 3.93/18 is a better defense. 40.Rxd6 Kf7]
40.Ra7+ 10 **Rd7** 2

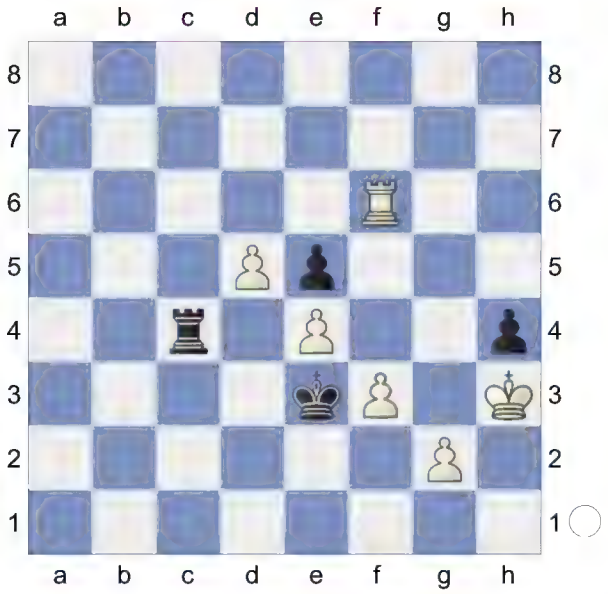


41.Rbb7 1 **Rxb7** 13 White is clearly winning. **42.Rxb7+** 0 KR-KR **42...Kf6** 36 **43.Rd7** 1 **g4** 23 **44.hxg4** 4 **g6** 12 **45.Kg3** 19 **h5** 4

(Diagram)

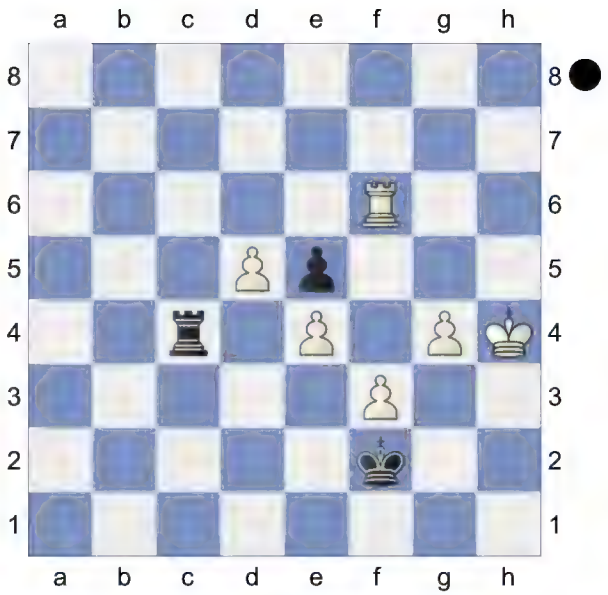


46.Rxd6+ 5 **Kg5** 1 **47.gxh5** 4 **gxh5** 0
48.Re6 1 **h4+** 1 **49.Kh3** 5 **Kf4** 1
50.Rf6+ 4 **Ke3** 1



51.Kxh4 3 **Kf2** 4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.44
52.g4 3

(Diagram)



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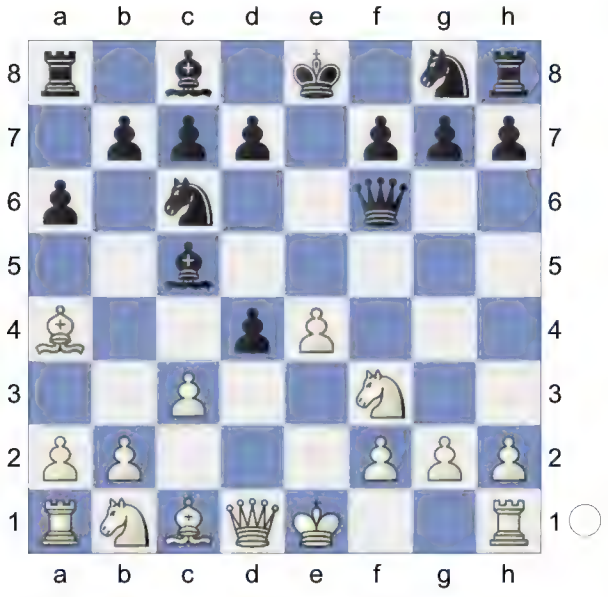
100 **C70**
□ **Schmidt,Theo** **2505**
■ **Hoffmann,Georg** **2335**
corr MN/115 ICCF 2005
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Qf6 1.12/21
[Better is 5...Ba7± 0.48/22]
[5...Nf6 6.d4 Ba7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Qc1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Rd1 Rg8 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Bh3 18.g3 Rg6 19.e5 Rb8 20.Nc3 1-0 (31) Modestov,B (2664)-Joseph,M (2547) Olympiad-31 Moscow 1994]

(Diagram)

6.d4± exd4



7.e5! Qe6N 1.85/18

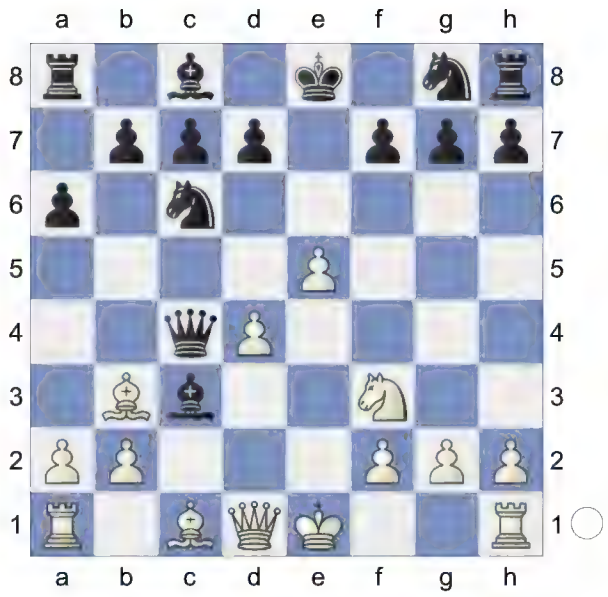
[7...Qg6± 1.27/18 was called for. 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Nc3 Nge7 10.0-0 d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.d5 b5 13.Bxb5 axb5 14.Nxb5 Qd7 15.dxc6 Qxc6 16.a4 5) Alternatives to 4...Nf6-4...Bc5 #2 The Vigorous Wormald Attack: A Practica 2024]

8.cxd4+- White is clearly better.

[8.Nxd4 Qxe5+ 9.Be3 Nf6∓]

8...Bb4+ 9.Nc3 Qc4 10.Bb3 Bxc3+

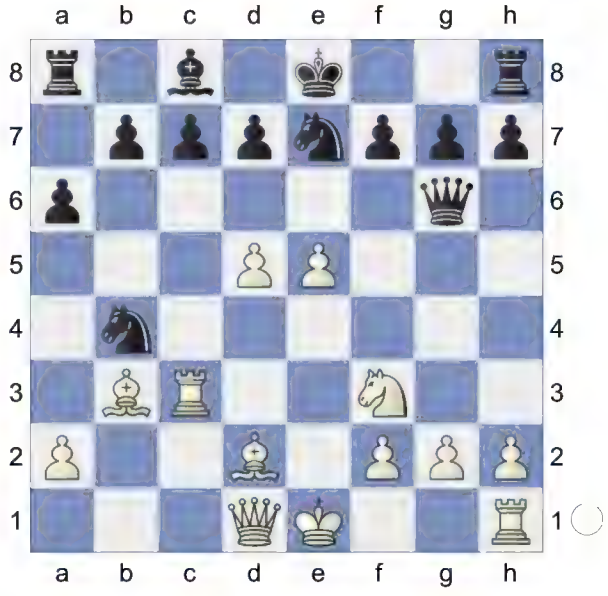
(Diagram)



11.bxc3 Qxc3+ 12.Bd2 Qd3 13.Rc1

White has strong compensation.

13...Nge7 14.Rc3 Qg6 15.d5 Nb4



16.Bg5

[16.Rxc7 Nbxd5 17.Rc4 b5±]

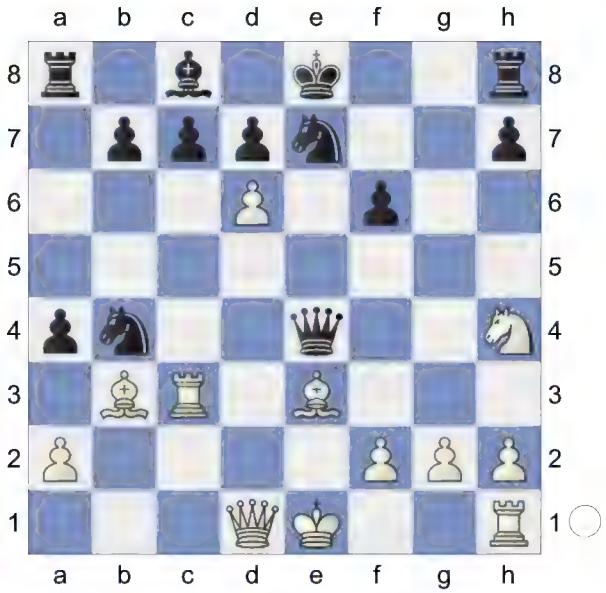
16...f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Be3 a5 19.d6

[19.Rxc7 a4 20.Nh4 *(20.Bxa4 Nd3+ 21.Ke2 Nxd5∓)* 20...Qd3±]

19...a4 20.Nh4

[20.Bxa4 Ned5 21.Kd2 cxd6∓ *(21...Nxc3 22.Kxc3 Nxa2+ 23.Kb2=)*]

20...Qe4



21.Qh5+
[21.Bxa4 Rxa4 *(21...Nxa2 22.Qh5+ Ng6 23.Bc2+-)* 22.dxe7 Nd5∓ *(22...Nxa2? 23.Rxc7 Kxe7 24.0-0+-; 22...Rxa2 23.0-0=)*]
21...Ng6 22.Nxg6 Qxg6 23.Qe2 White wants to mate with Bh6+.
[23.Bd1 cxd6 24.0-0 *(24.a3 Nc6+-)* 24...Nc6+-]
23...Qe4
[23...axb3 24.Bh6+]
24.Rc4 Qe5
[24...Nd3+ 25.Kd2 Qe5 26.Kxd3+- *(26.Bxa4 Nb2∓)*]
25.Bd1 A strong pair of Bishops.
[25.Rxb4 axb3 26.Rxb3 Kf7±]
25...Nc6

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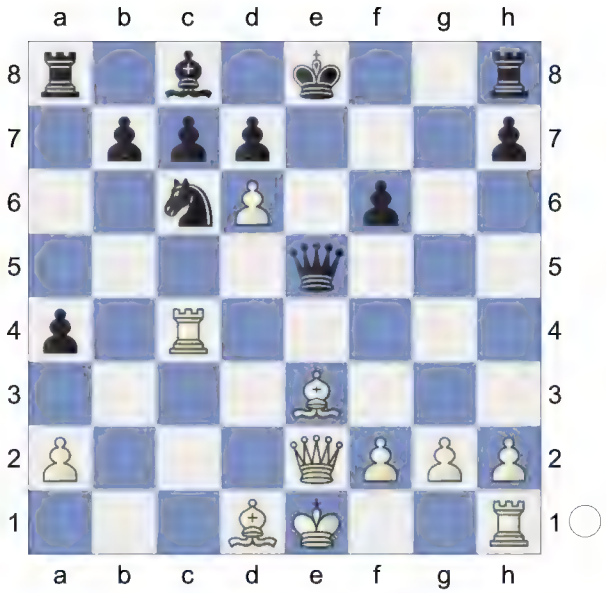
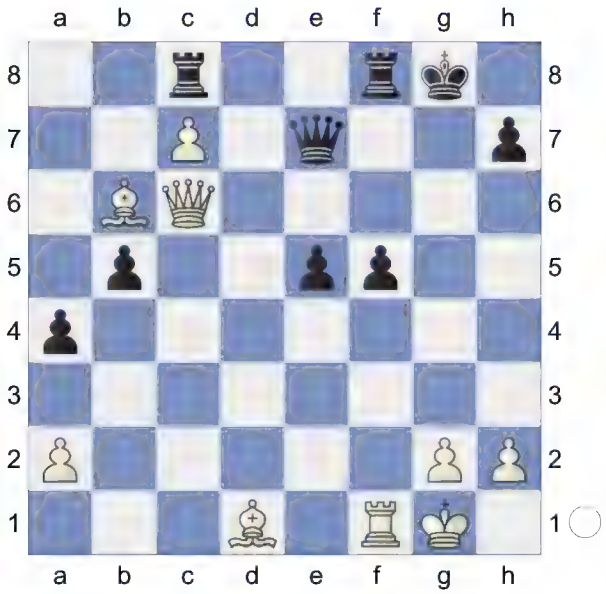


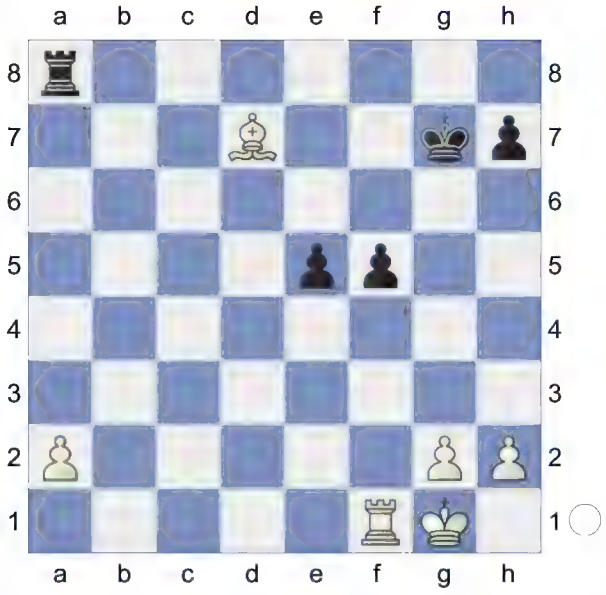
26.0-0
[Not 26.Rxa4 Rxa4 27.Bxa4 Qxd6±]
[26.Bxa4 cxd6 27.Rh4 Qa1+ 28.Bc1+ Qe5+-]
26...b5 27.Rh4 aiming for dxc7.
27...Bb7 28.dxc7 d6 29.Qc2 Qe7 5.43/17
[⌓29...Ne7 3.82/16 30.Re1 *(30.Rxh7 Rg8±)* 30...Rg8]
30.Re4 Pin. White is clearly winning.
30...Ne5

31.f4! Bxe4
[31...0-0 32.fxe5]

32.Qxe4 0-0 33.fxe5 dxe5 Black is weak on the dark squares **34.Qc6 Rac8 35.Bb6 f5**



36.Qxb5 Rxc7 37.Bxc7
[Don't do 37.Qxa4 Rcc8 38.Qb3+ Kh8+-]
37...Qxc7 38.Bxa4 Kg7 39.Qd7+ Qxd7 40.Bxd7 Endgame KRB-KR
40...Ra8



41.Rxf5 Rxa2 42.Rxe5 Kf6 43.Re6+ Kg5

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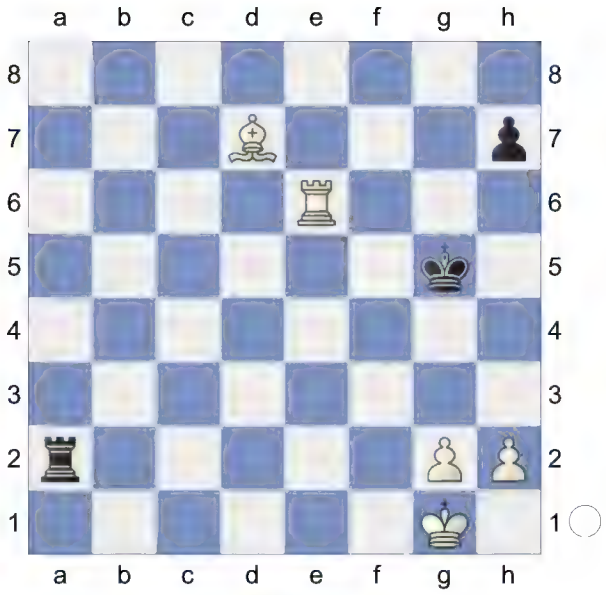
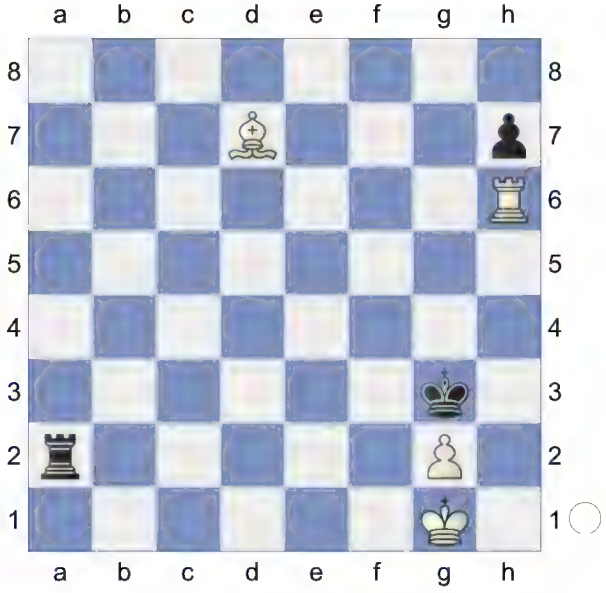


44.h4+! Kxh4 45.Rh6+ Kg3



46.Rh3+
[46.Rxh7? Ra1#]
46...Kf4 47.Rxh7 Kg5 48.Kh2 Rd2 49.Bc6 Rd6 White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.33
50.Bf3

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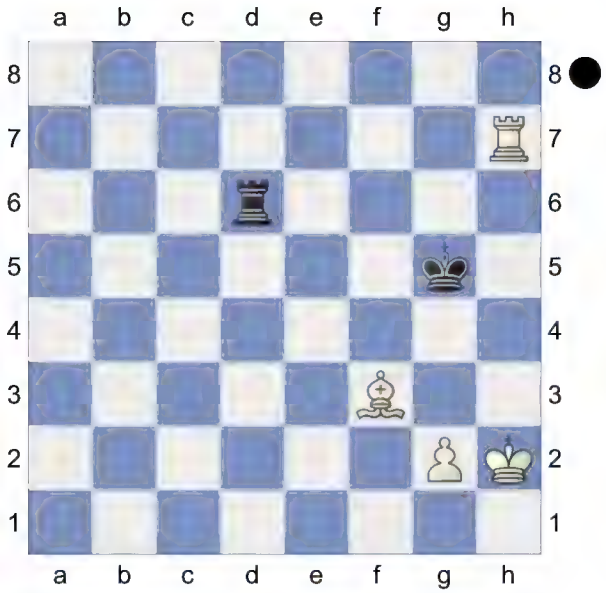

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101 **C70**
□ **Gurel,Ediz** **2620**
■ **Hulka,Valentyn** **2312**
European Championship 2025 (3)
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

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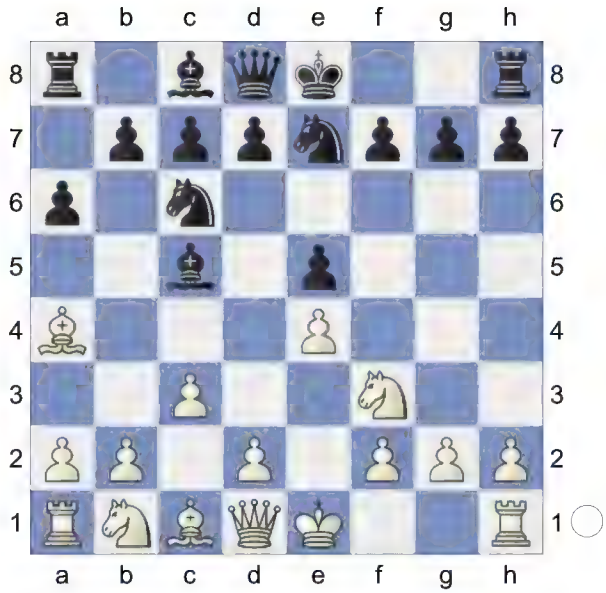


6.0-0 Ba7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Bxc6 dxc6
White is slightly better. **9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qh4**

11.Qf3 Rg8 12.Nd2
[12.Na3 Bg4 13.Qg3 g5 14.Nc2 Be2 15.Re1 Qxe4 16.Be3 Qxc2 17.Bxa7 0-0-0 18.Bd4 Qxb2 19.Qh3+ g4 20.Qxh7 Bc4 21.a4 a5 22.Rab1 Qd2 23.Qh4 Be6 24.Qe7 Rh8 25.Qf6 Rh6 26.Qg7 Rg6 0-1 (44) Nottola,A (2206)-Barbot,P (2465) Avoine op 37th 2023 (2)]
12...Be6N 0.58/20

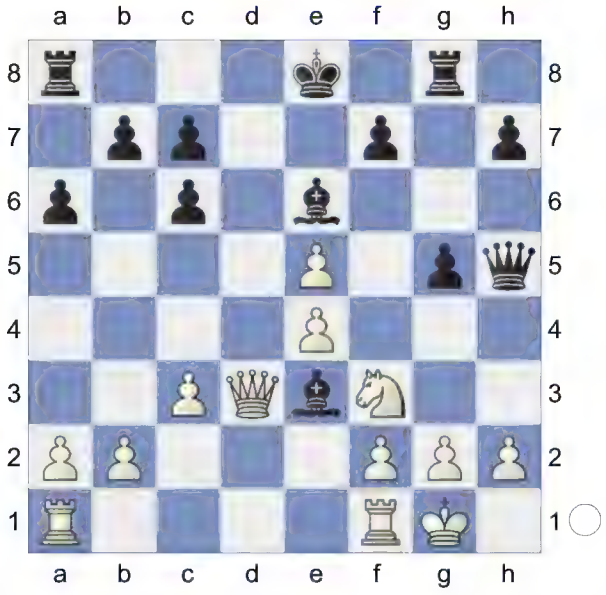
[12...Bg4= 0.22/22 13.Qd3 Rd8 14.Qg3 Qxg3 15.hxg3 Rd3 16.Re1 *(16.Nc4 Rxg3 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Nxe3 Rxe3 19.fxe3 Ke7* (20) 9) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.O-O â-9 | 6.O-O: 8.Lxc6 mit 11.Df3 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch*; 16.Nf3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Rxf3 18.Kg2 Rd3* 9) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und und 6.O-O â-9 | 6.O-O: 8.Lxc6 mit 11. Df3 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch *)* 16...Rxg3 17.Nf1 Rd3 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Nxe3 h5 20.f3 Be6 21.Red1 Rxe3 22.Kf2 Rxe4 23.fxe4 Ke7 9) 4.La4 mit 5.c3 und 6.O-O â-9 â-9 | 6.O-O: 8.Lxc6 mit 11.Df3 Nakamuras Geheimwaffe gegen Spanisch]

13.Qd3 Qh5 14.Nf3 g5 15.Be3 -0.18/21

[15.b4!± 0.47/21]

15...Bxe3 0.65/19

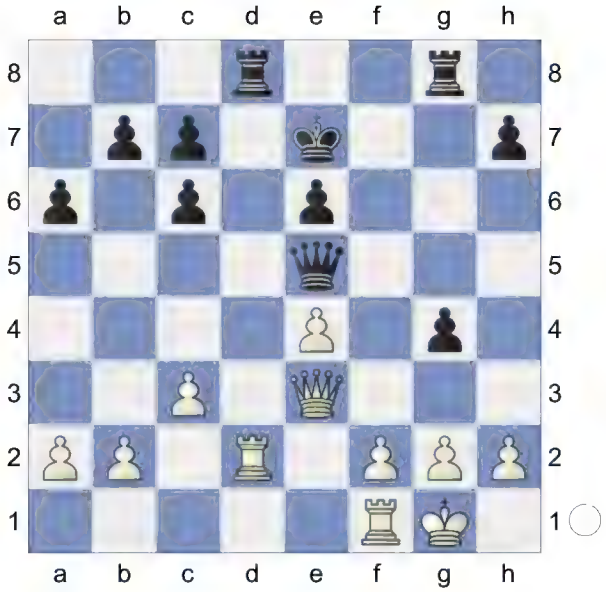
[15...g4= -0.18/21 16.Nd4 0-0-0]



16.Qxe3± g4 17.Nd4 Qxe5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Rad1 Ke7 20.Rd2

[20.h4 with more complications. Raf8 21.Qh6 Rf7 22.Qd2]

20...Rad8!



21.Rfd1 Rxd2 22.Rxd2 Endgame KQR-KQR **22...c5 23.Qd3 Kf6** 0.94/20

[23...Qd6!± 0.56/21]

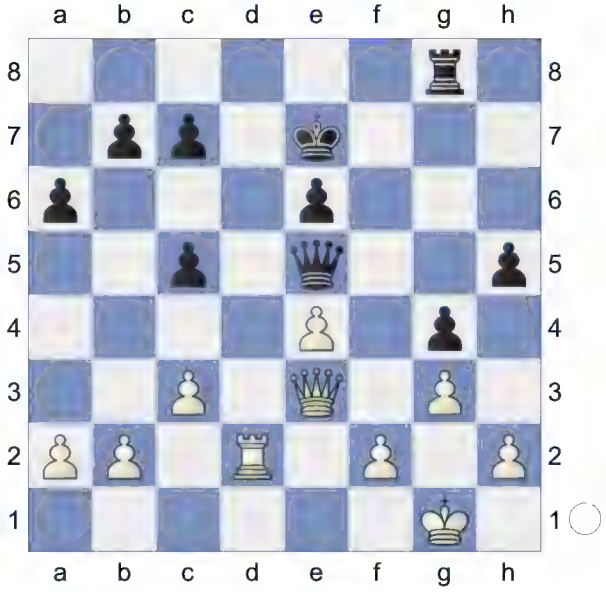
24.g3± h5 1.33/18

[⌓24...b6 0.85/20]

25.Qe3 0.74/20

[25.f4! 1.33/18 gxf3 26.Qxf3+ Ke7 27.Qd1]

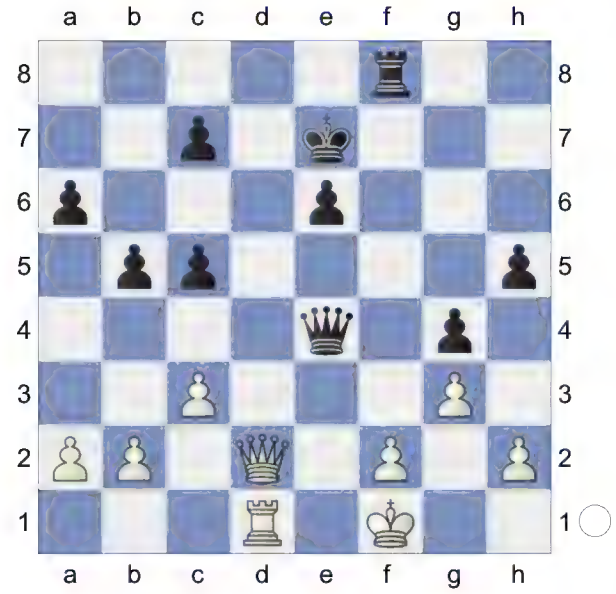
25...Ke7



26.Qd3 Qd6 27.Qe3 Qe5 28.Kf1 0.26/23

[28.h4± 0.81/21]

28...Rf8 29.Rd1 b5 30.Qd2 and Qd7+ should not be overlooked
30...Qxe4 1.83/23
[30...Kf7± 0.38/18]



31.Qg5++- Rf6 aiming for ...Qh1+.
32.Qxc5+
[32.Qxh5 Qh1+ 33.Ke2 Qf3+ 34.Kd2 Qd5+ *(34...Qxf2+ 35.Kc1=)* 35.Qxd5 exd5∓]
32...Ke8 33.Qxh5+ Ke7 34.Qc5+ Ke8 2.65/21
[34...Kf7 1.72/20 keeps fighting. 35.Kg1 *(35.Qxc7+ Kg6±)* 35...Qe2]
35.Kg1
[35.Qxc7 Rxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Qf3+ 37.Ke1 Qe3+ 38.Kf1 Qf3+ 39.Ke1 Qe3+ 40.Kf1 Qf3+ 41.Ke1=]
35...Qe2

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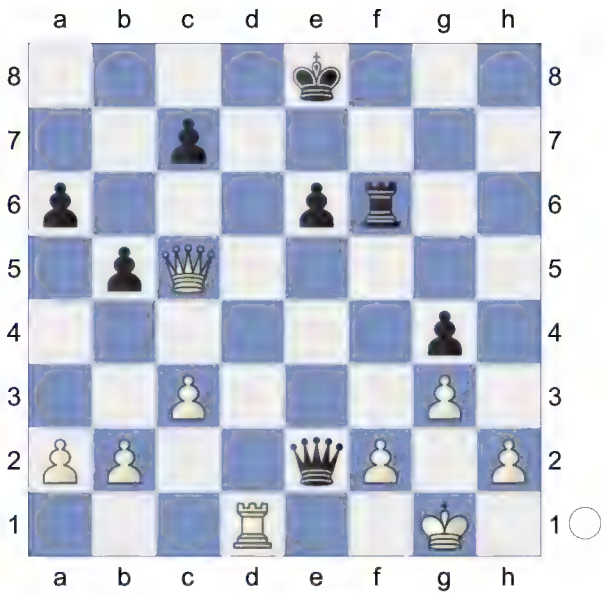
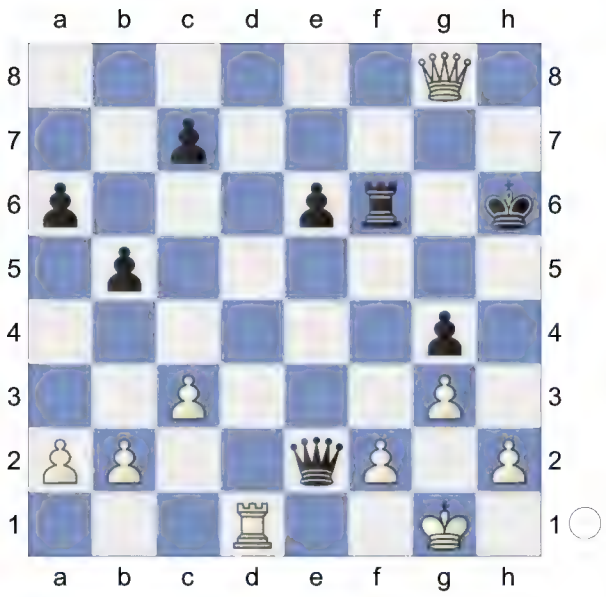
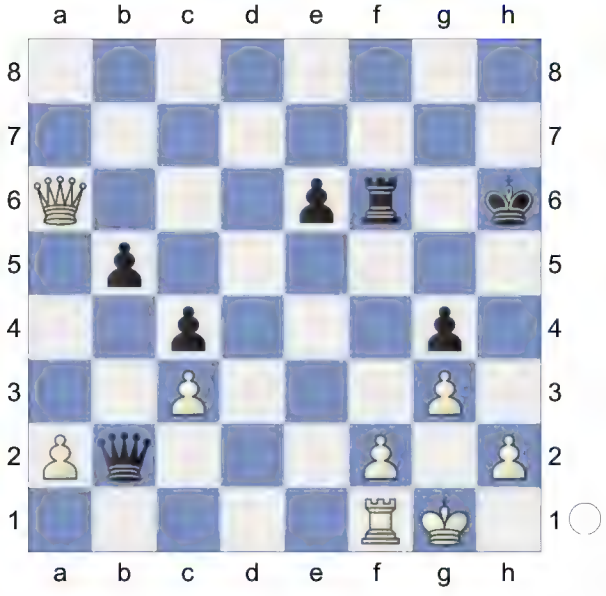


36.Qd4 Kf7 2.92/19
[36...Rxf2 37.Qd8+ Kf7 38.Rd7+ Kg6 39.Qe8+ *(39.Rxc7? Rf1#; 39.Qg8+ Kf5+-)* 39...Kg5 40.Rg7+ *(40.Rxc7? Rf1#)* 40...Kf5 41.Rf7+ *(41.Rxc7? Rf1#)* 41...Ke4 42.Qxe6+ *(42.Rxf2 Qe1+ 43.Kg2 Ke5+-)* 42...Kd3 43.Qd5+ *(43.Qxa6? Qf1#)* 43...Kc2 44.Rxf2+-]
[⌓36...e5 2.06/20 37.Qd8+ Kf7]
37.Qd7+ Kg6 38.Qe8+? 0.60/18
[White has to play 38.Qd3++- 2.62/25 Qxd3 39.Rxd3]
38...Kh6± 39.Qh8+ Kg6 40.Qg8+ Kh6

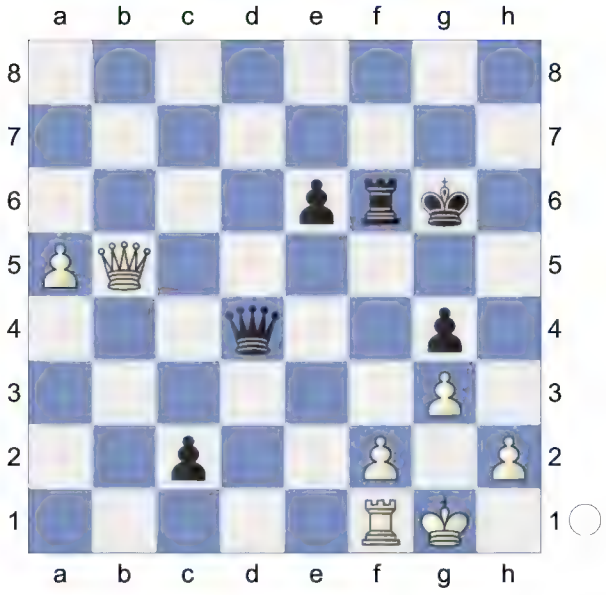
(Diagram)



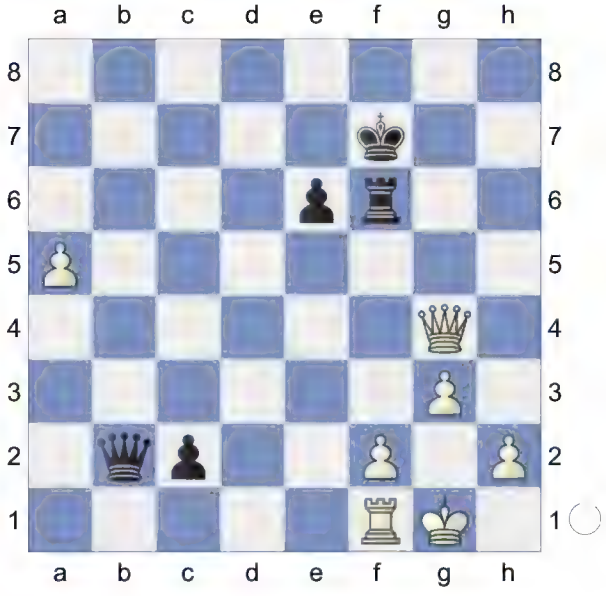
41.Rf1 c5 42.Qd8 0.46/19
[White should play 42.Qa8!± 1.18/20]
42...Kg6 0.87/19
[42...Rf5± 0.46/19 should be considered.]
43.Qe8+ 1.57/17
[⌓43.Qg8+ 0.87/19 Kh6 44.Qh8+ Kg6 45.Qe8+ Kh6 46.Qd8]
43...Kh6± 44.Qc6 0.58/21
[44.b3!± 1.53/18]
44...Qxb2± 45.Qxa6 c4



46.Qa5 Kg6 47.Qb6 White stays focused until the end. **47...Qxc3**
48.Qxb5 Qd4 49.a4!↑ White has strong initiative. **49...c3 50.a5 c2** 1.49/20
[Better is 50...e5 1.06/18]

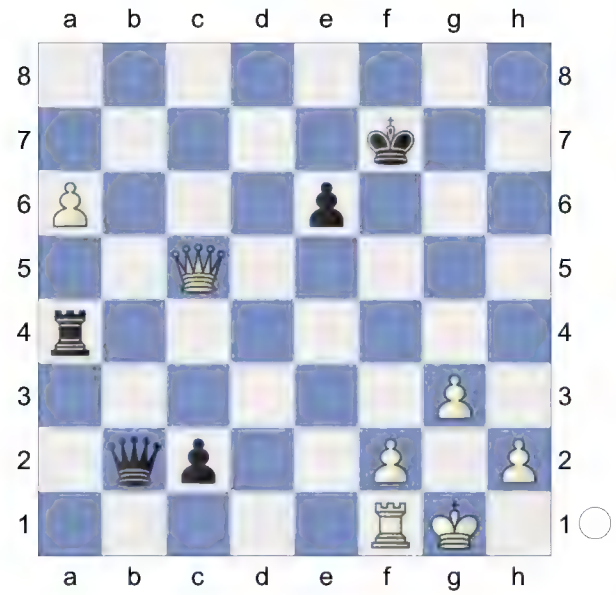


51.Qe2!± The board is on fire. **51...Qb2**
52.Qxg4+ Kf7? 3.10/18
[52...Kh6± 1.29/19 53.Qh4+ *(53.Qc4 Rxf2 54.Qxe6+ Kg7=)* 53...Kg6 54.Qe4+ *(54.Qc4 Rxf2 55.Qe4+ Rf5+-)* 54...Kg7]



53.Qh5+!+-
[53.Qc4 Kg7±]

53...Rg6 54.Qc5 Rg4 55.a6 Ra4



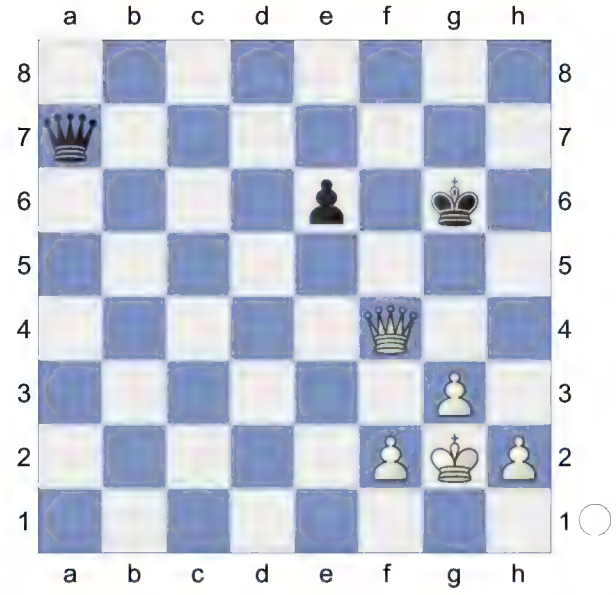
56.a7

[Weaker is 56.Qc7+ Kg6±]

56...Ra1 6.96/21

[⌓56...Ra6 4.71/18 57.h4 Qb1 58.Qc7+ Kf6 59.Qd8+ Kf7]

57.Rxa1 Qxa1+ KQ-KQ. White is two pawns up. **58.Kg2 c1Q 59.Qxc1 Qxa7 60.Qf4+ Kg6**



61.Qe4+ Kf6 62.h4 Qc5 63.Qf4+ Kg6

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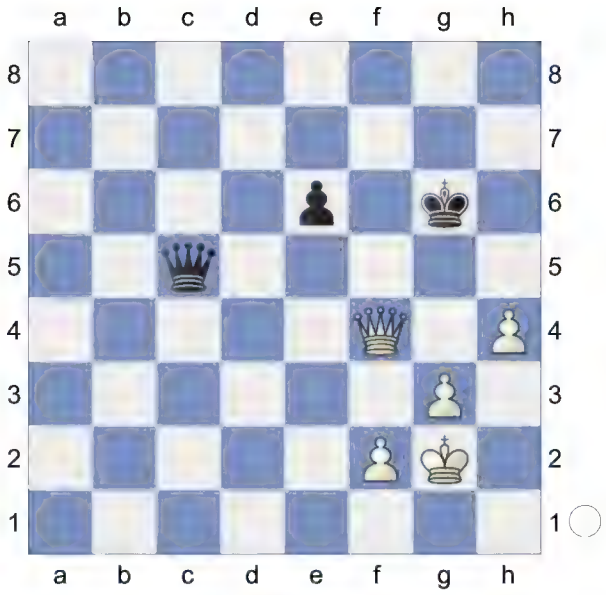
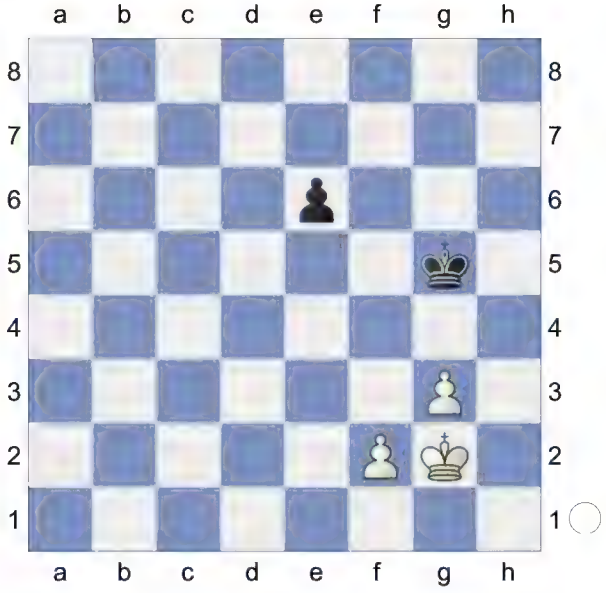


64.Qg5+! Qxg5 65.hxg5 Kxg5



KPP-KP. White is a pawn up. **66.f3 Kf5 67.Kf2 Ke5 68.Ke3 Kf5 69.Kd4 Kf6 70.Ke4 e5**

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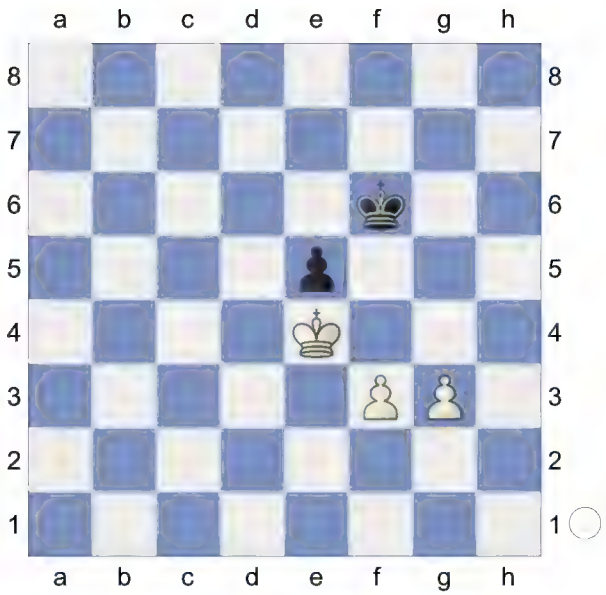
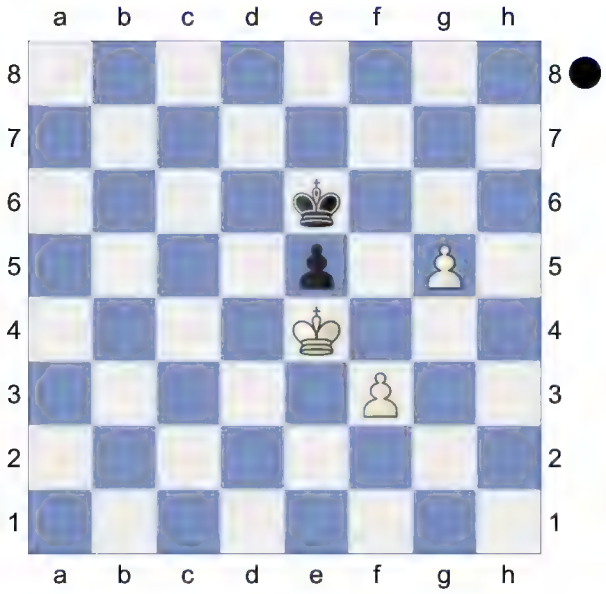


71.g4 Ke6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.31

72.g5



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102 **C70**

□ **Kamsky,Gata** **2661**

■ **Aradhya,Garg** **2295**

Titled Tue 19th Apr Early blitz (5)

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 d6

6.c3 Bd7

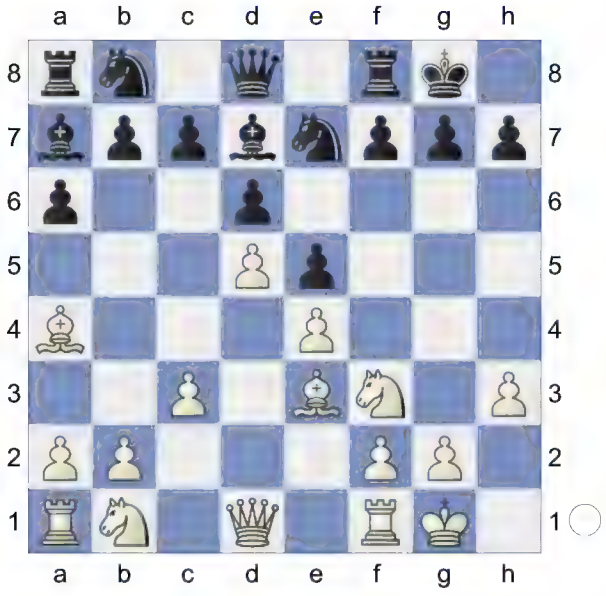
[6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.d3 h6 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Nh7 13.Qf2 Ng5 14.Nxg5 Qxg5 15.Nf3 Qe7 16.Rae1 f5 17.Bb3+ Kh8 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.Qh4 Raf8 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 21.e4 1-0 (52) Chimyam,J (1497)-Suthiponpaisarn,P Bangkok Rooky op 03 2025 (1)]

7.d4 Ba7 8.h3N

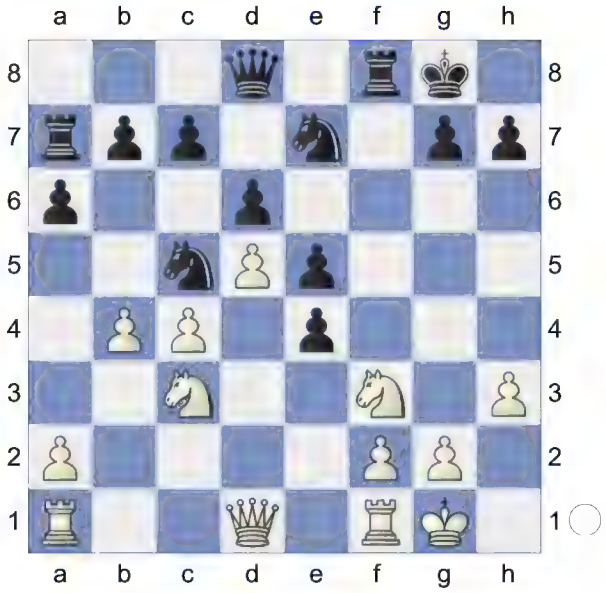
[8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Nd2 Nf6 11.Bc2 0-0 12.Qf3 Qe7 13.h3 Bb5 14.Re1 Rad8 15.a4 Bc6 16.Nc4 Ne8 17.Na5 Nd6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.a5 Nc4 20.Qe2 Nd6 21.Qxa6 Ra8 22.Qxc6 f5 1-0 (31)

Guliyev,N (2521)-Aradhya,G (2339) Aimchess Play In op rapid 2023 (7)]
[8.Re1 Nge7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 f6 *(10...exd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.e5 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qc1 h6 15.Qc3 f6 16.Bd1 fxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxd1 18.Nxc6 Nxc6 19.Raxd1 Qd7 20.Nb3 Rae8 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 d4 23.Qb3+ Qf7 24.Qxf7+ Rxf7 25.Bd2* ½-½ (26) Yu,Y (2728)-Safarli,E (2616) Elllobregat op 3rd 2022 (6)) 11.h3 Kh8 12.Nf1 Be8 13.Ng3 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxa4 16.Qxa4 Qe8 17.Qxe8 Rfxe8 18.Rad1 Kg8 19.f3 Kf7 20.Ne2 a5 21.a4 Nc6 22.Bxa7 Rxa7 ½-½ (24) Ibd7 (2687)-Ronneland,D (2691) corr CP LSS IECG 2003 (7)]

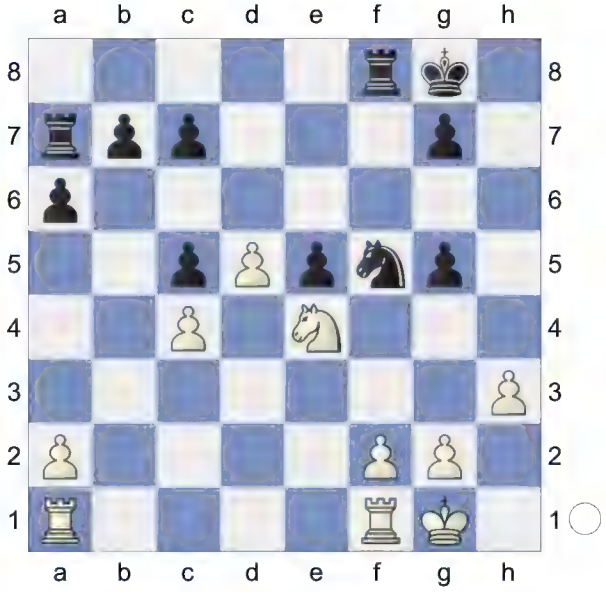
8...Nge7 White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0 10.d5** 0.00/21
[10.Re1± 0.63/18]
10...Nb8!=



11.Bxa7 Rxa7 12.c4 f5 0.90/19
[12...b5= -0.09/19 13.Bc2 c6]
13.Bxd7!± Nxd7 14.Nc3 -0.15/19
[White should try 14.Ng5± 0.82/19]
14...Nc5 0.34/22
[14...h6= -0.15/19 deserves consideration.]
15.b4± fxe4 1.58/22
[15...Nxe4± 0.39/19 16.Nxe4 fxe4]

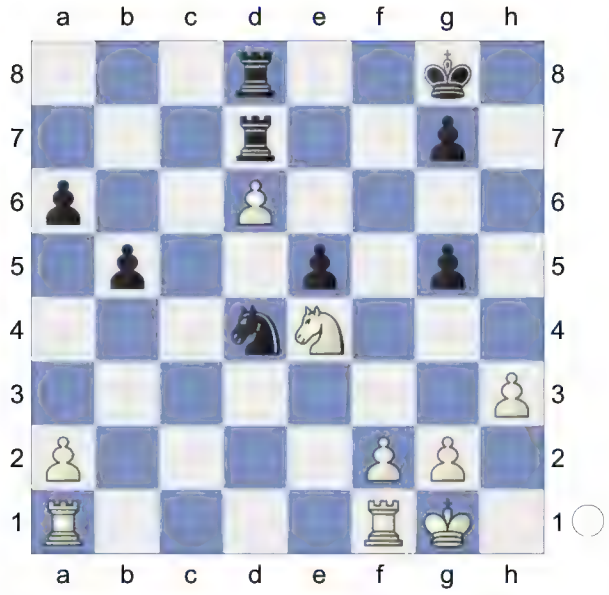


16.Ng5± Nf5 17.Qh5
[17.Ngxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Nd4=]
17...h6 18.bxc5
[18.Ngxe4?! Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Ra8=]
18...Qxg5 19.Qxg5 hxg5 20.Nxe4 dxc5



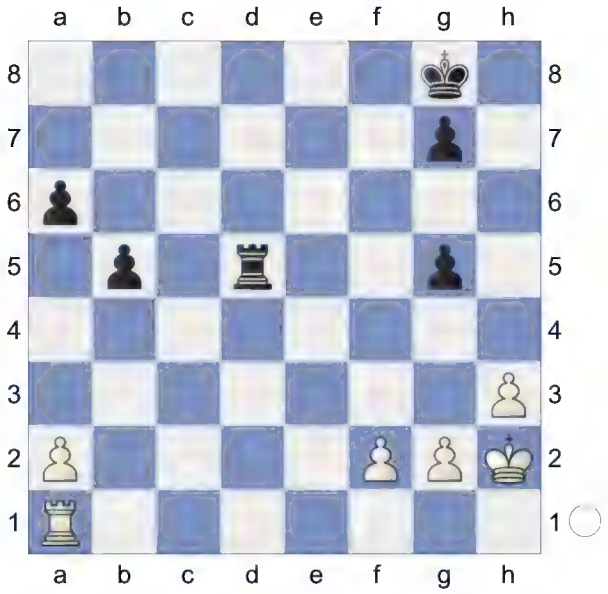
21.Nxc5 Threatens to win with Rfe1.
21...Nd4 1.71/19
[21...b5± 1.14/20]

22.Ne4 0.57/19
[22.Rae1+- 1.71/19]
22...b5± 23.c5 0.37/23
[23.Kh2!± 0.81/20]
23...Rd8 24.d6 cxd6 25.cxd6 Rad7 1.36/22
[25...b4± 0.54/19]



26.Kh2±
[26.Nxg5?! Rxd6 27.Rae1 Rd5=]
26...Nf5 1.53/21
[26...b4 1.02/20]

27.Rfe1 0.07/19
[27.Nc5!± 1.53/21 Rf7 *(27...Rxd6? 28.Nb7+-)* 28.d7 *(28.Nxa6 Rxd6 29.Nc5 Nd4±)*]
27...Nxd6= 28.Nxd6 Rxd6 29.Rxe5 Rd5 30.Rxd5 Rxd5



Endgame KR-KR **31.Kg3** -0.66/22
[31.Rc1= -0.02/24]
31...Kf7 -0.24/19
[31...Rd2!∓ -0.66/22]
32.f3? -2.79/19
[32.Rc1= -0.24/19 and White stays safe.]

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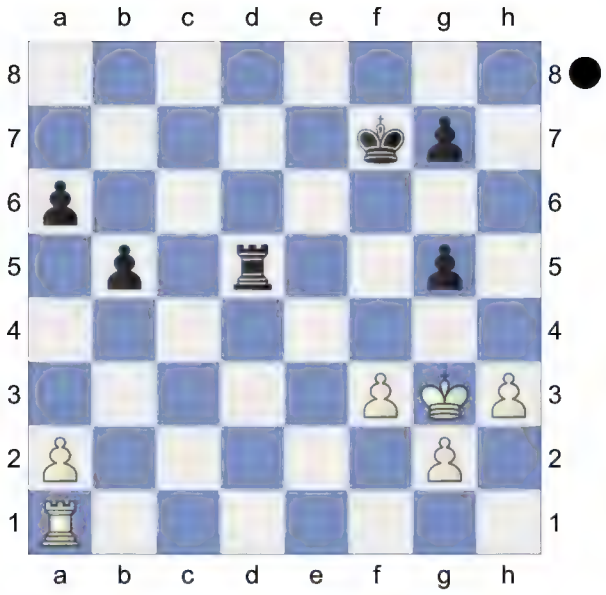
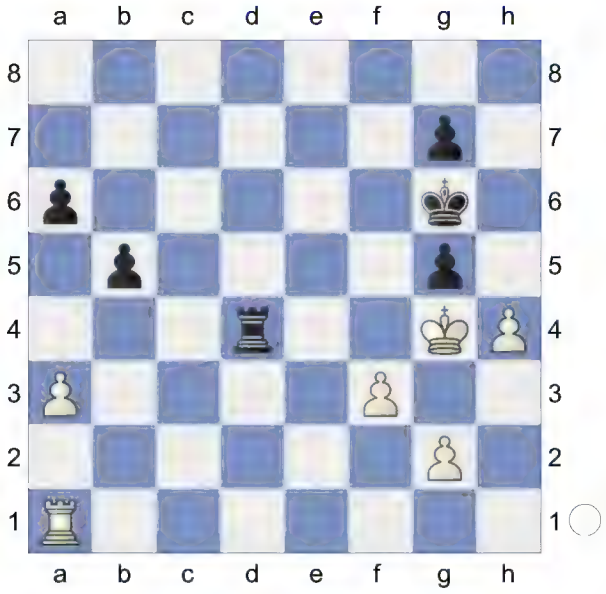


32...Rd2!-+ 33.a3 Rd3? -0.21/30
[Better is 33...Ke6-+ -2.72/23 and ...Kd6 should not be overlooked 34.Re1+ Kd6]
34.Kg4 Kg6 35.h4? -3.51/22
[35.g3= -0.12/22]
35...Rd4+



36.Kh3 Rxh4+
[36...gxh4? 37.Rc1-+]
37.Kg3 Ra4 38.Rc1 Rxa3 39.Rc6+ Kf5 40.Rc5+ Kf6

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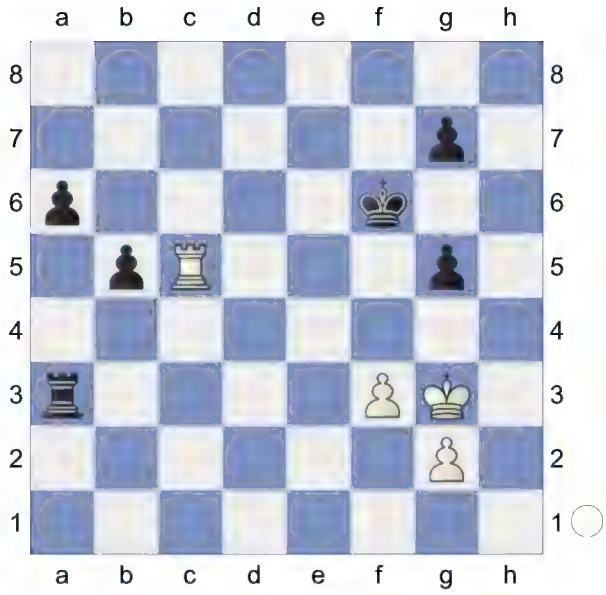
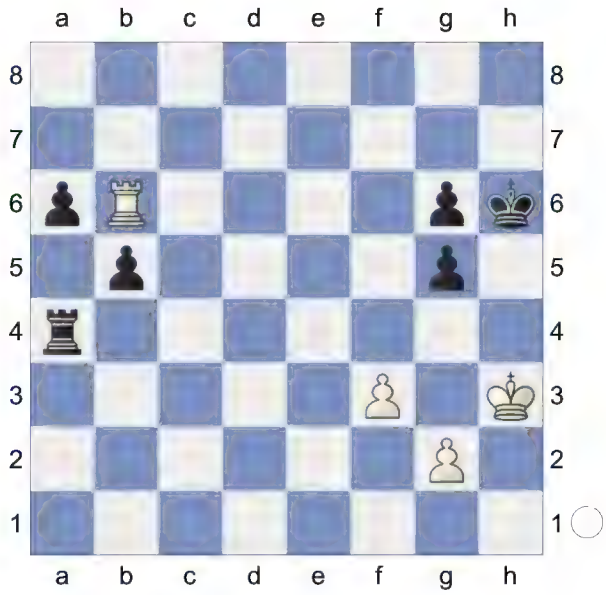


41.Rc6+ Kf7 42.Rb6 Ra4 43.Kh3 g6 44.Kg3 Kg7 45.Kh3 Kh6



46.Kg3 -5.65/21
[⌓46.g3 -3.94/20]
46...b4 Black is clearly winning. **47.Rb7 a5 48.Kf2 Ra2+ 49.Kg3 Ra3 50.Rb5** Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.38
50...b3

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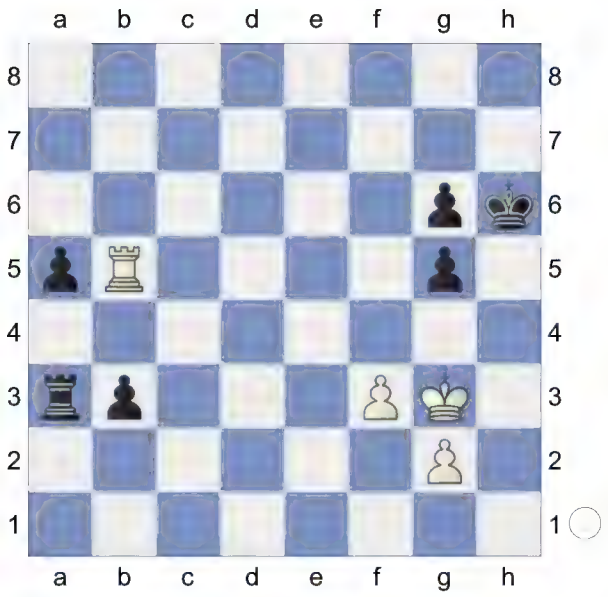

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103 **C70**
□ **Sarana,A** **2686**
■ **Dubnevych,Maksym** **2292**
Titled Tue 3rd Jan Late blitz (6) 03.06.25
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

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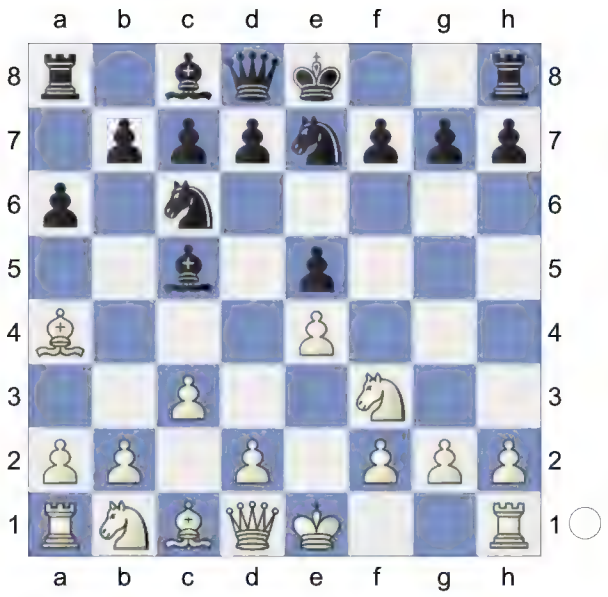
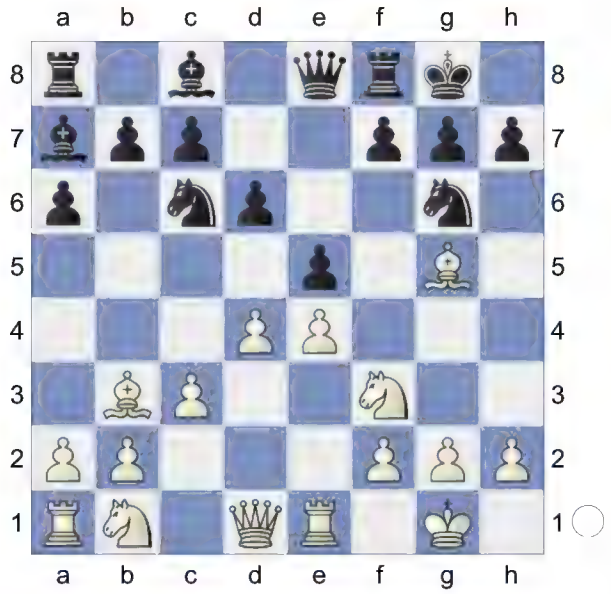


6.0-0 Ng6 7.d4 Ba7 8.Re1
[8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 0-0 11.Qe2 Qh4 12.Nd2 Bg4 13.Nf3 Qh5 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxe5 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Qg3 Qe7 19.Qf4 Rd7 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.g3 g6 22.Re1 Re8 ½-½ Sychev,K (2532)-Puranik,A (2639) SRB-chT Premier 2024 (5.2)]
8...0-0 White is slightly better. **9.Bb3N**
[9.Be3 d6 10.h3 *(10.Nbd2 Kh8 11.h3 exd4 12.cxd4 Nce7 13.d5 f5 14.Rc1 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 c6 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Bxc6 Nxc6 18.Rxc6 Bb7 19.Rcc3 Nf4 20.Nd4 fxe4 21.Nxe4 Nd5 22.Ne6 Nxc3 23.Nxc3 Qf6 24.Nxf8 Rxf8* 1-0 (28) Uskov,A (2440)-Karacsonyi,G (2384) Budapest SixDays 01 GM-A 2025 (9)*)* 10...h6 *(10...Bd7 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Nf1 Kh8 13.Ng3 b5 14.Bc2 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.Qd2 Rae8 17.Rad1 Bb6 18.b4 exd4 19.cxd4 a5 20.a3 axb4 21.axb4 f5 22.exf5 Ne7 23.f6 Qxf6 24.Qd3 Nf5 25.Nh5* 1-0 (58) Blomqvist,E (2483)-Laddha,S (2308) Fagernes Autumn op 2024 (9)*)* 11.Nbd2 Nce7 12.Bc2 exd4 13.cxd4

f5 14.exf5 Nxf5 15.Nf1 Qf6 16.Qd3 Bd7 17.Rac1 Kh8 18.a4 Rae8 19.b4 Nfe7 20.N1h2 Bf5 21.Qd2 Bxc2 22.Rxc2 Nd5 23.Rec1 Nh4 1-0 (40) Stara,Z (1919)-Viti,G (1971) Prague Futures U15 Girls 7th 2025 (8)]

[9.Bxc6 dxc6 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nxe5 14.Kg2 Rad8 15.Rxd8 Rxd8 16.Na3 Rd1 17.Rb1 Nd3 18.Be3 Rxb1 19.Nxb1 Bxe3 20.fxe3 Nxb2 21.Kf2 Nc4 22.Ke2 Kf8 23.Kd3 Ne5+ 0-1 (53) Karimova,G (2115)-Dubnevych,M (2267) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (2)]

9...d6 10.Bg5 Qe8



11.Be3 -0.57/20

[Better is 11.h3!± 0.31/19]

11...exd4∓ 12.cxd4 -0.96/21

[12.Bxd4∓ -0.50/20 is more appropriate. Nxd4 13.cxd4]

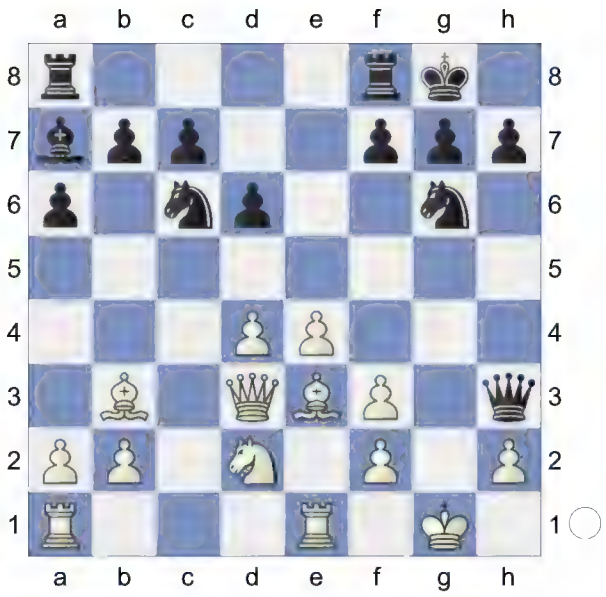
12...Bg4!∓ 13.Qd3 -1.69/19

[13.Nbd2∓ -0.95/18]

13...Bxf3-+ 14.gxf3 Qd7 -0.55/21

[14...Qe7-+ -1.69/21 15.Nd2 Qf6]

15.Nd2 Qh3



16.Kh1 Nh4 0.32/22

[16...Qh4!∓ -0.58/21]

17.Rg1± Nxf3 18.Rg2

[18.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 19.Rg2 g6-+ *(19...Bxd4? 20.Bxd4 Nxd4 21.Qxd4+-)*]

18...Rae8

[18...Bxd4 19.Nxf3 Qxf3 20.Bxd4 Nxd4 *(20...Qxd3 21.Rxg7+ Kh8 22.Rg8+* Decoy *Kxg8 23.Rg1+)* 21.Qxd4±]

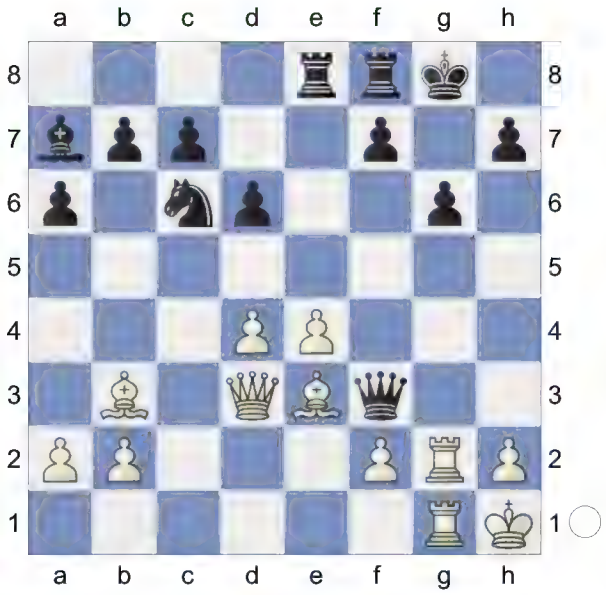
[18...Nfxd4? 19.Rxg7+ Kxg7 *(19...Kh8? 20.Bxd4* Discovered Attack *Bxd4 21.Qxh3+-)* 20.Bxd4+ *(20.Rg1+ Kh8+-)* 20...Bxd4 21.Qxh3+-]

19.Nxf3 Qxf3→ Black mounts an attack. **20.Rag1?** -2.06/20

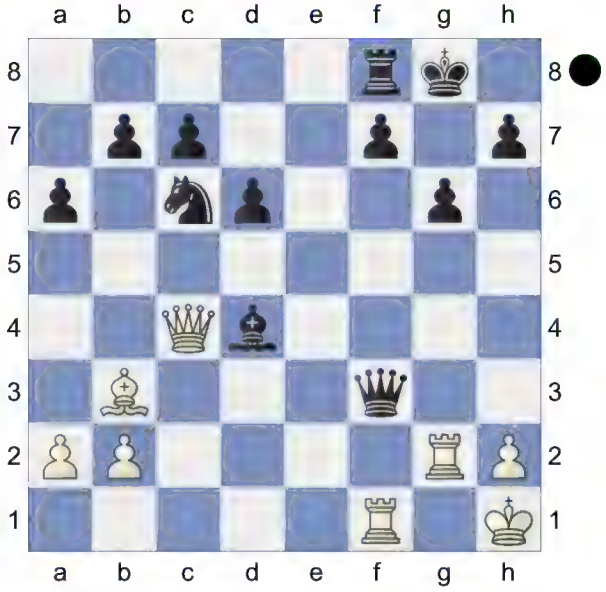
[20.Qc3!= 0.08/19 Qxe4 *(20...Rxe4 21.Bh6=* Discovered Attack *)* 21.d5]

(Diagram)

20...g6!-+
[20...Rxe4? 21.Bd1 Rxe3 *(21...Qf5? 22.Rxg7+ Kh8 23.R1g5+-)* 22.fxe3+-]
[20...Qxe4? 21.Qxe4 Rxe4 22.Rxg7+ Kh8 23.Bh6 *(23.Rxf7 Rxf7 24.Bxf7 Ne7±; 23.Bxf7 Ne7+-)* 23...Bxd4 24.Bc2+- *(24.Rxf7 Rxf7* Remove Defender *25.Bxf7 Ne7∓)*]



21.Qc4 -3.52/21
[⌓21.Qc3 -2.13/18 Qxe4 22.Bc2]
21...Qxe4 -1.97/19
[21...Rxe4 22.Bd1 Qh3 23.Qb3∓]
[⌓21...Na5 -3.52/21 22.Qxc7 Nxb3 23.axb3 Rxe4 *(23...Qxe4 24.Qxd6 Rd8 25.Qa3∓)* 24.Qxb7 Rxe3 *(24...Bxd4? 25.Bxd4* Pin *Qf5 26.Bc3+-)* 25.Qxa7 Rxb3 26.Qxa6 Rd8 *(26...Rxb2? 27.Qxd6 Re8 28.Qg3-+)*]
22.Bh6 -2.95/19
[22.Bc2 -1.97/19 was forced. Qf3 23.Bd1]
22...Bxd4 23.Bxf8 Rxf8 24.f3 -2.55/18
[24.Rd1∓ -1.56/17 was worth a try.]
24...Qxf3 25.Rf1

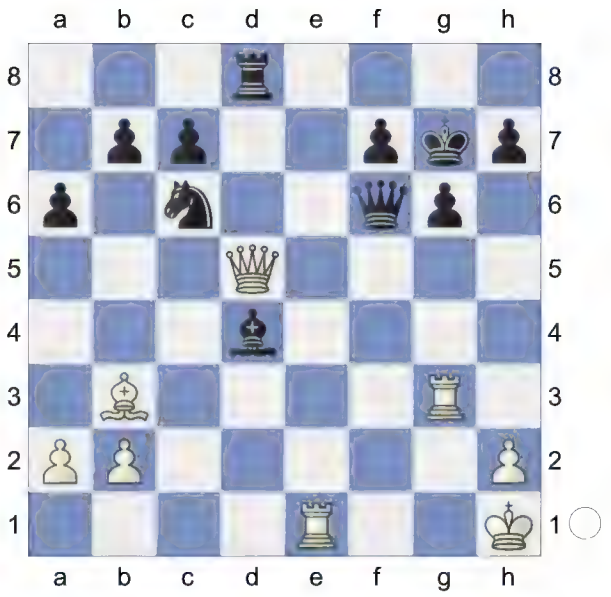


d5!

(Diagram)

26.Qc1
[26.Qe2 Qe4]
26...Qe4 27.Re1 Qf3 28.Qg5? -3.03/20
[28.Qd1∓ -1.32/19 Qh3 29.Bxd5]
28...Qf6? -0.28/18
[28...Bxb2 29.Bxd5 Qc3 30.Rb1∓]
[Black should try 28...Rd8-+ -3.03/20 Threatens to win with ...Rd6!. 29.Qc1 Be5]
29.Qxd5? -2.29/20
[29.Qxf6= -0.28/18 and White has nothing to worry. Bxf6 30.Bxd5]
29...Kg7
[29...Bxb2 30.Rg3]
30.Rg3 -3.61/21
[⌓30.Qe4 -2.25/19]
30...Rd8
[30...Bxb2 31.Rf3 Qd6 32.Rxf7+ Rxf7 33.Qxf7+ Kh6 34.Re3±]

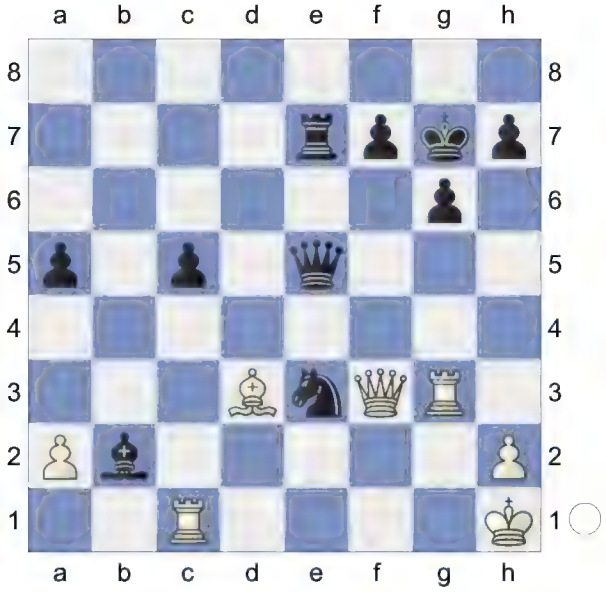
(Diagram)



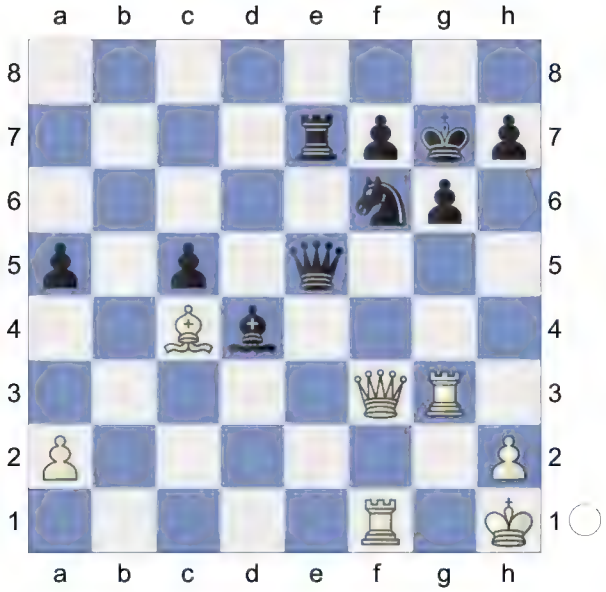
31.Qg2 Rf1 is the strong threat. **31...Ne5**
[31...Bxb2? 32.Rf3+-]
32.Rf1 Qd6 33.Qxb7 Rd7
[Inferior is 33...Bxb2 34.Bxf7 Bd4 35.Bb3=]
34.Qe4 c5 35.Ba4 -3.30/17
[⌓35.Rg2 -1.93/17]
35...Re7

36.Qg2 a5 37.Bc2 -3.81/19
[⌓37.Bb3 -2.38/17]
37...Nc4
[Not 37...Bxb2 38.Bxg6 hxg6 39.Qxb2∓]

38.Qf3 -5.51/17 White is weak on the dark squares
[⌓38.Bb3 -3.79/19 Ne3 *(38...Nxb2? 39.Qa8-+)* 39.Rxe3 Bxe3 40.Bc4]
38...Ne3 39.Rc1 Qe5 Inhibits Be4.
40.Bd3 Bxb2



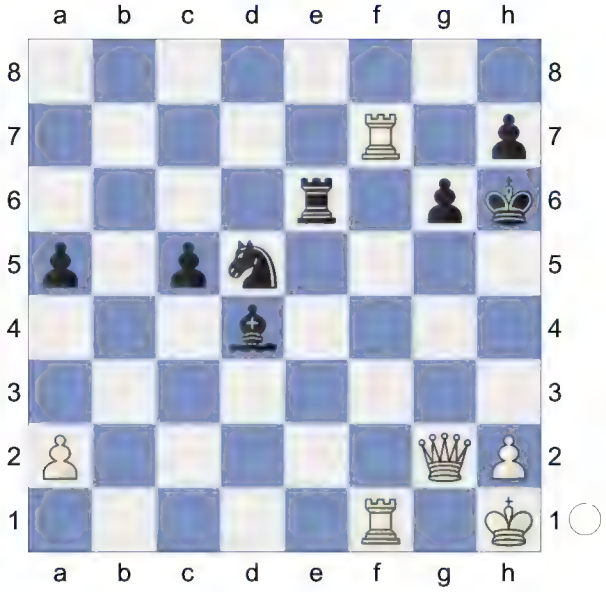
41.Rb1 Bd4 42.Re1 Qd6 43.Be2 Nd5 44.Rf1 Nf6 45.Bc4 Qe5



46.Qg2 Qd6 47.Rgf3

(Diagram)

Qe6?? 6.03/18 **48.Bxe6+- Rxe6 49.Rf4 Nd5 50.Rxf7+** White mates. **50...Kh6**



51.Qxd5 Re4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.65
52.Qxe4

(Diagram)

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104 **C64**
□ **Karimova,Guldona** **2115**
■ **Dubnevych,Maksym** **2267**
Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

C64: Ruy Lopez: Classical Defence (3... Bc5) except 4 0-0 Nf6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7

(Diagram)

6.0-0 **Ba7!** 6...Ba7 is the modern continuation .6...La7 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7.d4 Ng6 8.Re1**
[8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 0-0 11.Qe2 Qh4 12.Nd2 Bg4 13.Nf3 Qh5 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxe5 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Qg3 Qe7 19.Qf4 Rd7 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.g3 g6 22.Re1 Re8 ½-½ Sychev,K (2532)-Puranik,A (2639) SRB-chT Premier 2024 (5.2)]
8...0-0 White is slightly better. **9.Bxc6N**
[9.Be3 d6 10.Nbd2 Bd7 *(10...Kh8 11.h3 exd4 12.cxd4 Nce7 13.d5 f5 14.Rc1 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 c6 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Bxc6 Nxc6 18.Rxc6 Bb7 19.Rcc3 Nf4 20.Nd4 fxe4 21.Nxe4 Nd5 22.Ne6 Nxc3 23.Nxc3 Qf6 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Qe2* 1-0 (28) Uskov,A (2440)-Karacsonyi,G (2384) Budapest SixDays 01 GM-A 2025 (9)*)* 11.h3 Kh8 *(11...h6 12.Nf1 Kh8 13.Ng3 b5 14.Bc2 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.Qd2 Rae8 17.Rad1 Bb6 18.b4 exd4 19.cxd4 a5 20.a3 axb4 21.axb4 f5 22.exf5 Ne7 23.f6 Qxf6 24.Qd3 Nf5 25.Nh5 Qf7 26.g4* 1-0 (58) Blomqvist,E (2483)-Laddha,S

(2308) Fagernes Autumn op 2024 (9)) 12.Bc2 h6 13.Nf1 Nh4 14.N1h2 Nxf3+ 15.Nxf3 ½-½ Niemann,H (2733)-Nakamura,H (2802) Chess.com SpeedChess Final blitz 2024 (2.6)]

9...dxc6 10.dxe5 -0.79/24
[10.Be3= 0.16/23 keeps the balance.]

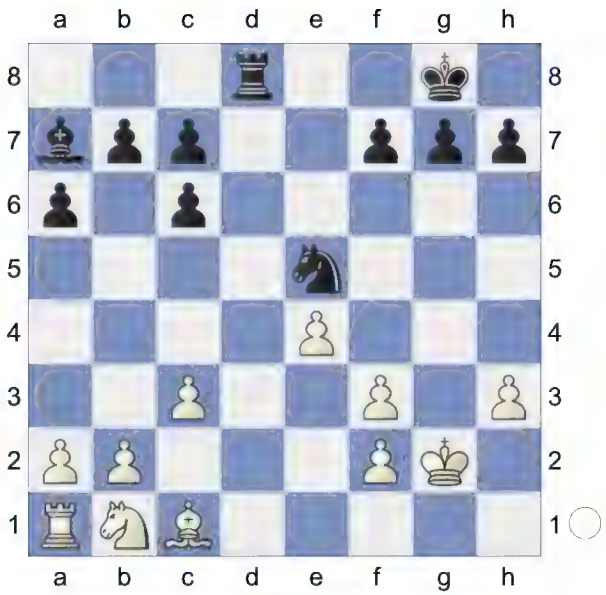
10...Qxd1

11.Rxd1 Bg4 12.h3 -1.41/23
[12.Nbd2∓ -0.49/19]

12...Bxf3∓ 13.gxf3 Nxe5 14.Kg2 -2.04/22
[14.Bf4∓ -1.35/22 was worth a try. Nxf3+ 15.Kg2 Nh4+ 16.Kf1]

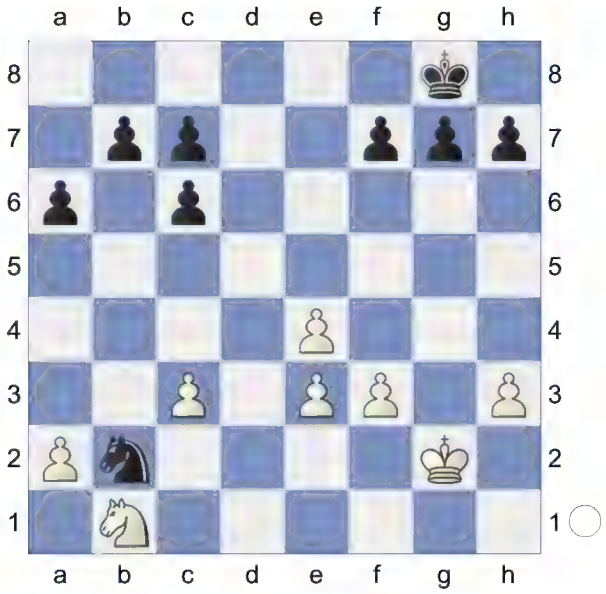
14...Rad8-+ 15.Rxd8 Rxd8

(Diagram)



16.Na3 -2.88/20
[⌓16.Nd2 -1.84/20]

16...Rd1 17.Rb1 Nd3 18.Be3 Rxb1 19.Nxb1 Bxe3 20.fxe3 Nxb2



Endgame KN-KN. Black is a pawn up.

21.Kf2 Nc4 22.Ke2 Kf8 23.Kd3 Ne5+ 24.Ke2 Nd7 25.Nd2 Ke7

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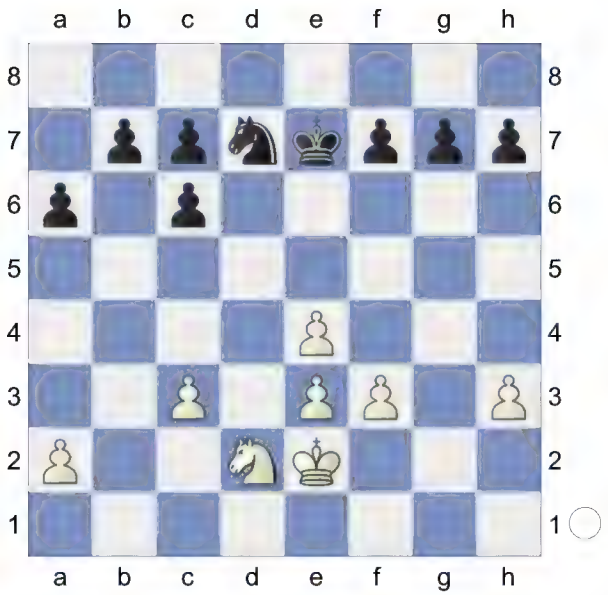
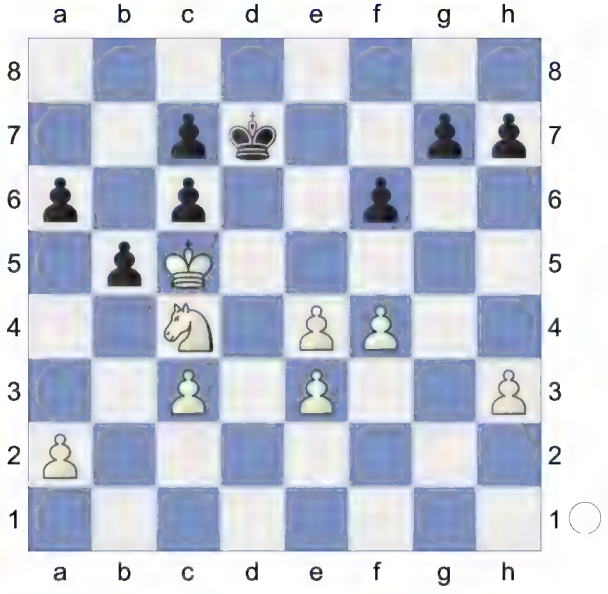


26.f4 f6 27.Kd3 Kd6 28.Kd4 Nc5?? 5.57/21
[28...b5-+ -3.57/21 avoids the disaster. Strongly threatening ...c5+. 29.c4 c5+ 30.Kd3 b4]
29.Nc4++- Deflection **29...Kd7 30.Kxc5** KN-KP **30...b5**



31.Na5 g5 32.fxg5 fxg5 33.Nxc6 Ke6 34.Kd4 h5 35.Nd8+ Ke7

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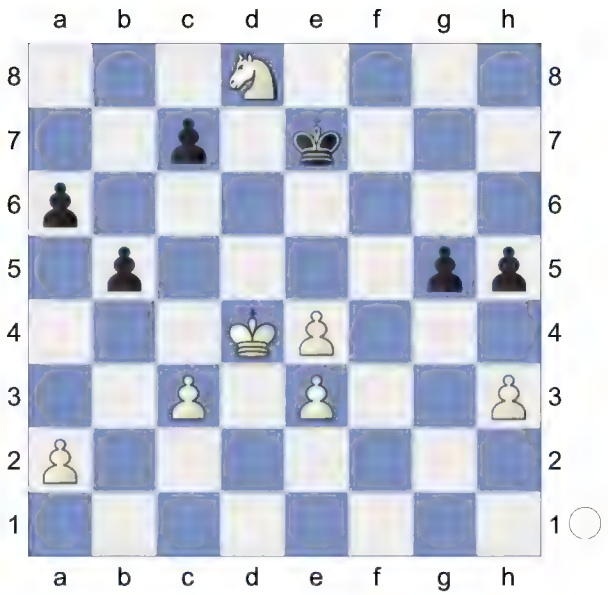
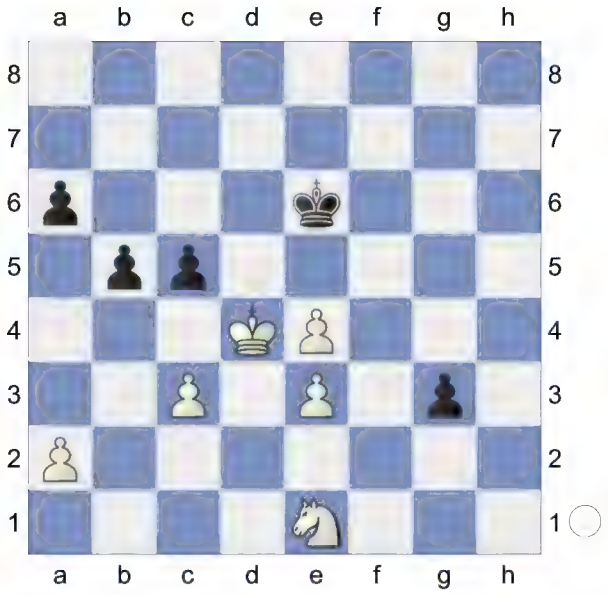
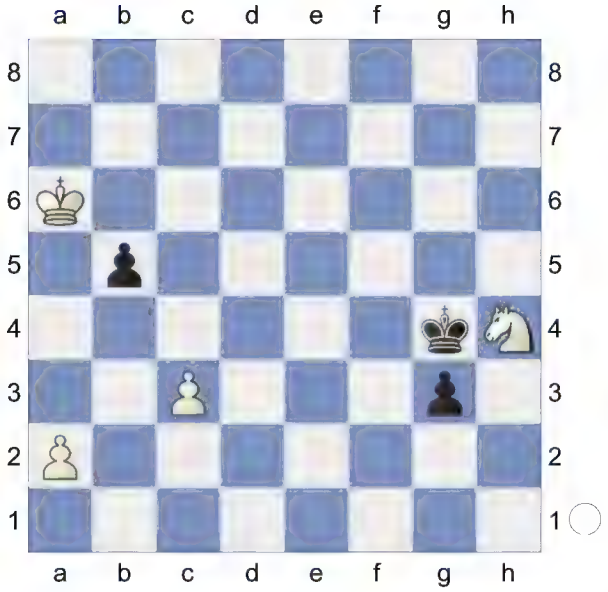


36.Nc6+ Ke6? 8.07/20
[36...Kd6 3.78/19 37.Na5 c5+ 38.Kd3 g4]
37.Nb4? 2.11/18
[37.e5 8.07/20]
37...g4? 9.92/18
[37...c5+ 2.11/18 38.Kxc5 Ke5]
38.hxg4
[38.Nxa6? g3 39.Nxc7+ Kd7 40.Nxb5 g2-+]
38...hxg4 39.Nd3
[39.Nxa6? g3 40.Nxc7+ Kd7 41.Nxb5 g2-+]
39...g3 40.Ne1 c5+

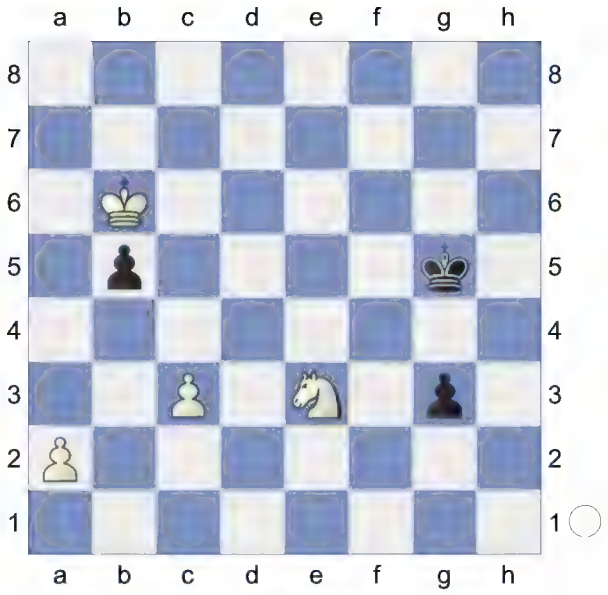
(Diagram)



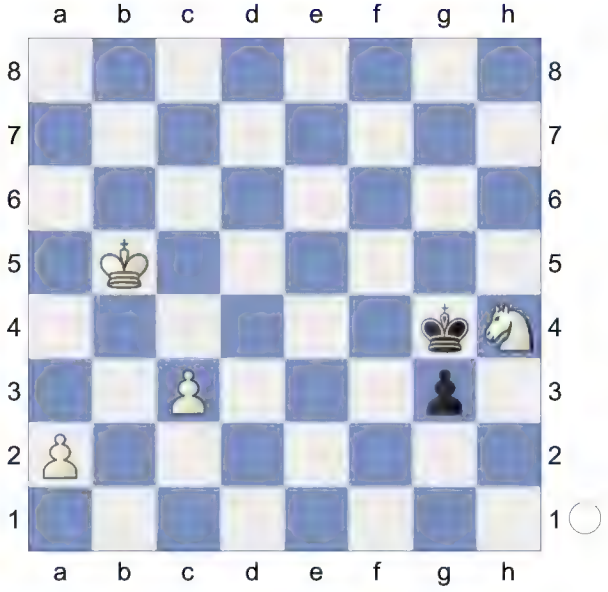
41.Kxc5? 0.00/31 KN-K3P
[White has to play 41.Kd3!+- 6.88/30 Ke5 42.Nf3+ Kf6 43.Ke2]
41...Ke5= 42.Kb6 Kxe4 43.Kxa6 Kxe3 KN-KPP **44.Ng2+ Kf3 45.Nh4+ Kg4**



46.Ng2 Kf3 47.Nh4+ Kg4 48.Ng2 Kh3? 20.81/26
[48...Kf3= 0.00/22 49.Nh4+]
49.Ne3+-
[Weaker is 49.Nf4+ Kg4 50.Ne2 g2=]
49...Kh4 50.Kb6 Strongly threatening Nf5+. **50...Kg5**



51.Kxb5? 0.00/29
[51.Kc5!+- 5.03/25]
51...Kf4= The position is equal. **52.Ng2+ Kf3! 53.Nh4+** White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.85
53...Kg4!



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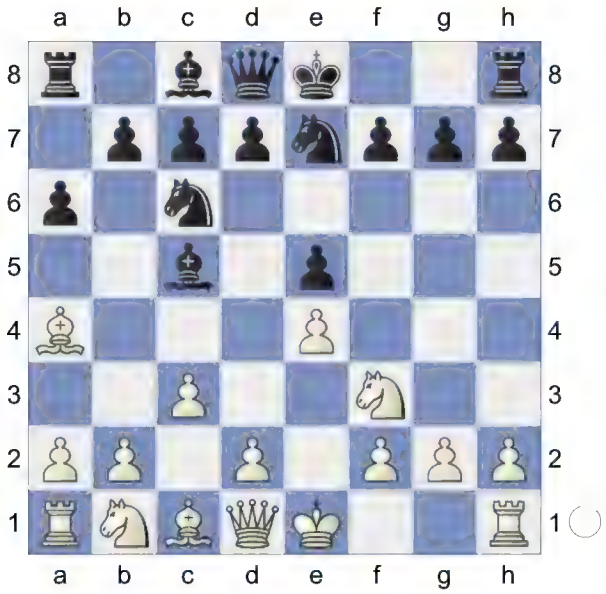
105 **C70**
□ **Adams,Michael** **2659**
■ **Reprintsev,Alexander** **2256**
FIDE World Rapid Team (2.4) 11.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7



6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5**

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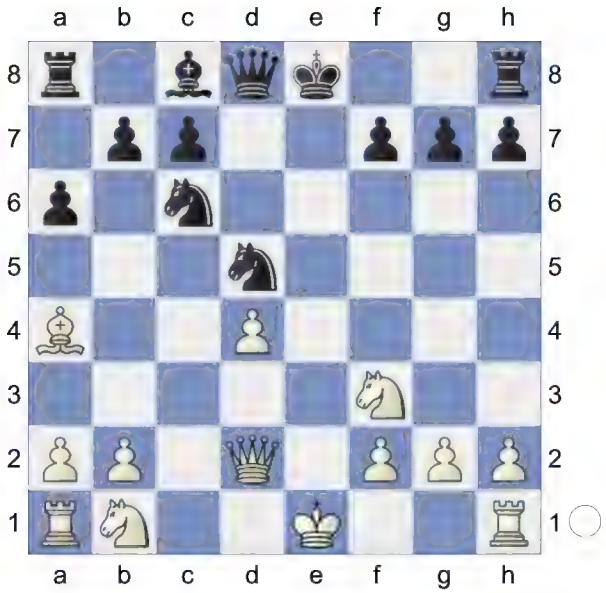

11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nc3 Be6N

[13...Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Be6 15.Ne5 Bd5 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qxc6 Qxd4 18.b3 a5 19.Rac1 a4 20.Rc4 Qb6 21.Qxb6 cxb6 22.bxa4 Rfd8 23.g3 Rd2 24.Rb1 Rxa2 25.Rxb6 g6 26.Rbb4 h5 27.h4 Kg7 28.Kg2 ½-½ (45) Pedersen,P (2620)-Sikorova, J (2578) Alekhine exhibition 1926 (10) Ra7 29.Rf4 Ra3 30.Rbc4 Ra2 31.Kf3 Ra3+ 32.Ke2 Rb7 33.Rb4 Rc7 34.Kd2 Ra1 35.Rbc4 Rb7 36.Kc3 Ra7 37.Kb2 Re1 38.Rc5 Re2+ 39.Kb3 Re1 40.Rc2 Rb7+ 41.Ka2 Ra7 42.Rb2 Rd1 43.Rc2 ½-½ (45) Nihal,S (2620)-Gukesh,D (2578) Baer Polgar Challenge rapid 2021 (10)]

14.Ne4 Ne7 15.Nc5 Bd5

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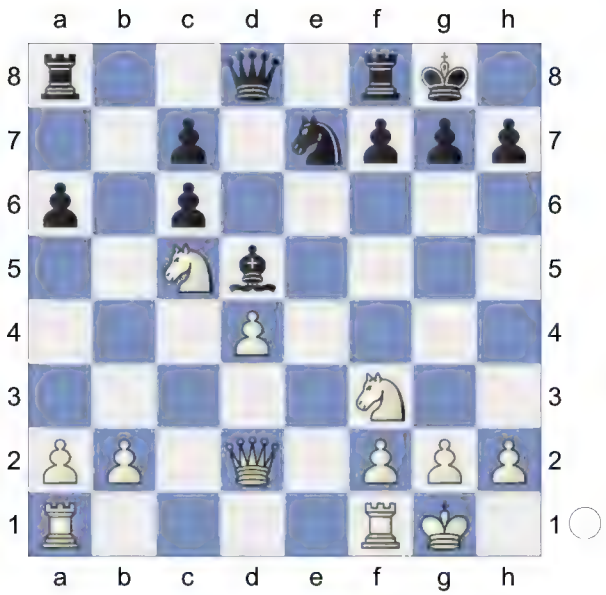
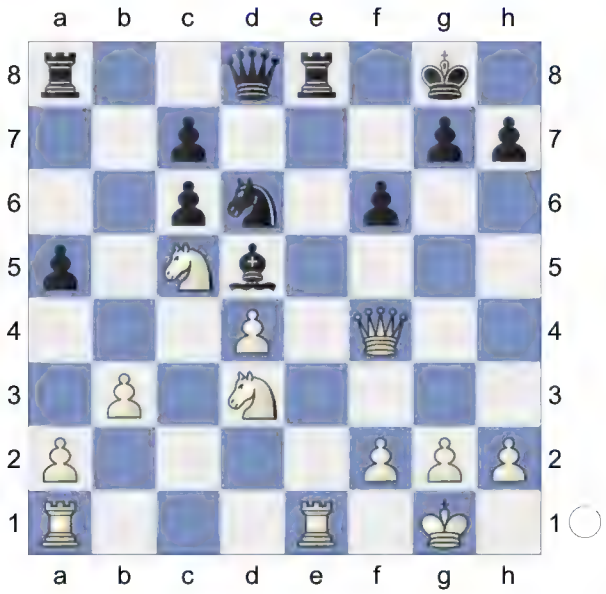
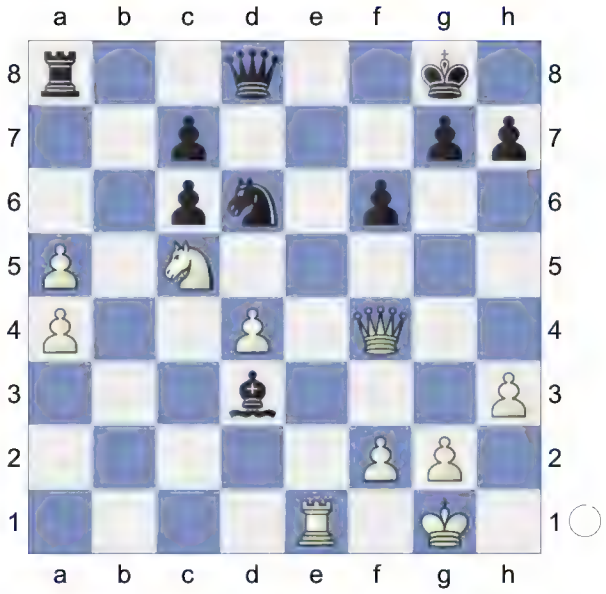


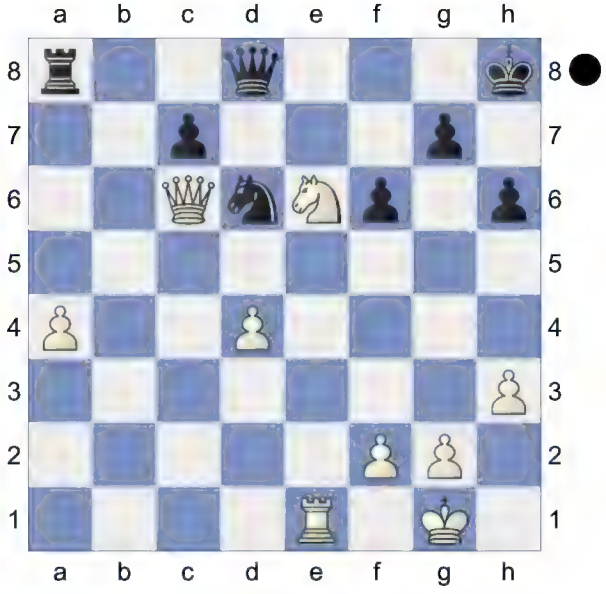
16.Ne5 f6 17.Ned3 A dynamic duo of knights. **17...Nf5 18.Qf4 Nd6** 0.64/17
[18...g6!= 0.26/19]
19.Rfe1 Re8 0.93/19
[19...a5± 0.52/19]
20.b3 0.52/19 White is more active.
[20.a4± 0.93/19]
20...a5±



21.h3 White leaves nothing to chance now. **21...Nb5** 1.05/21
[21...Qc8± 0.58/20 should be considered.]
22.a4 Nd6 1.42/20
[⌓22...Nc3 0.98/21]
23.b4± Bc4 24.bxa5 Rxe1+ 2.74/19
[⌓24...Rxa5 1.72/20 25.Nb4 Bd5 26.Nxd5 cxd5]
25.Rxe1+- Bxd3



26.Nxd3 Rxa5 27.Nc5 Ra8 28.Qf3 Kh8 29.Qxc6 h6 30.Ne6



Deflection, Double Attack. White is clearly winning. **30...Qe8**

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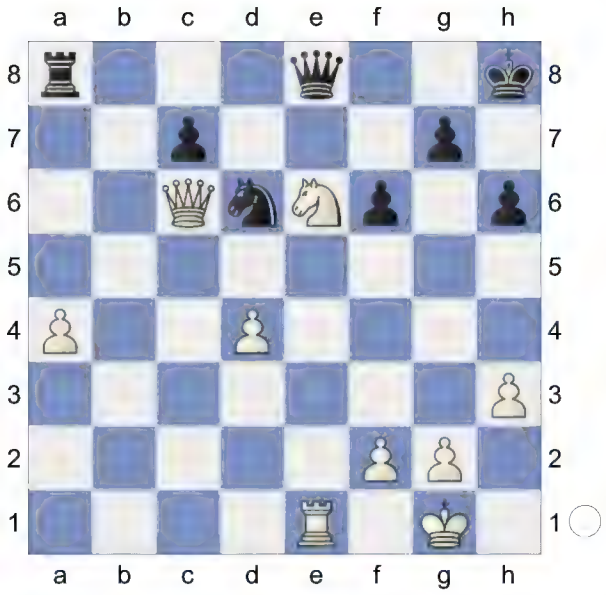
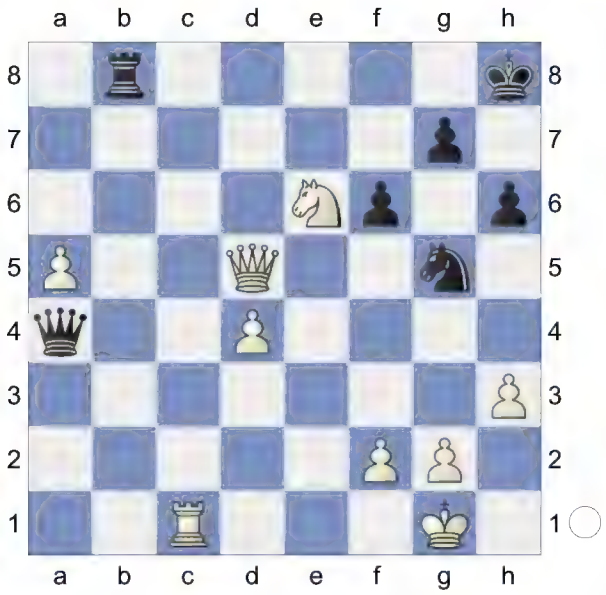


31.Qxc7 Nf7 32.a5 Rc8 33.Qb7 Rb8 34.Qd5 Qa4 35.Rc1 Ng5



36.Nxg5 hxg5 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is two pawns up. **37.g3 Qa3 38.Re1 Qc3 39.Re3 Qd2 40.Kg2 Qc2**

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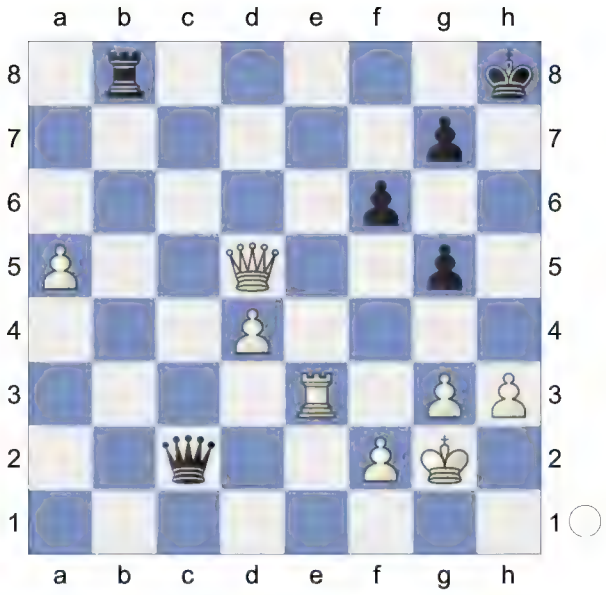
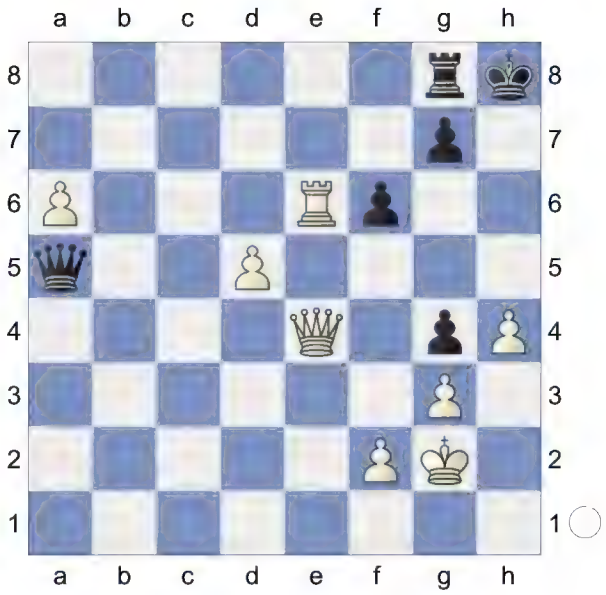


41.a6 Qa4 42.Re6 Qa1 43.Qe4 Rg8 44.d5 Qa5 45.h4 g4



46.Qf5

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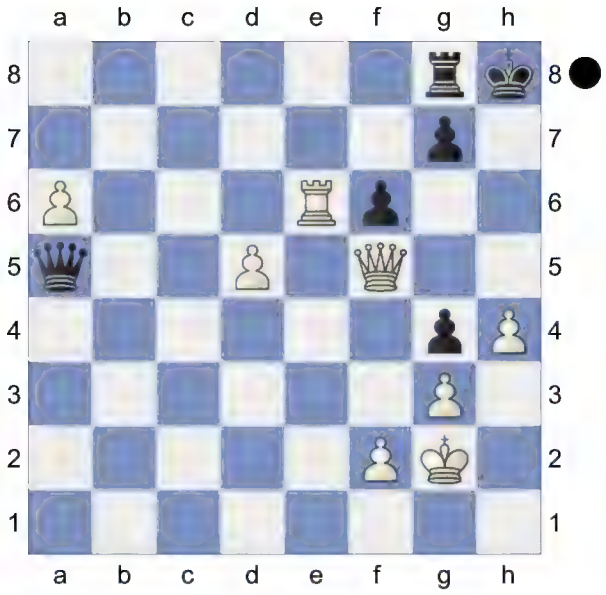
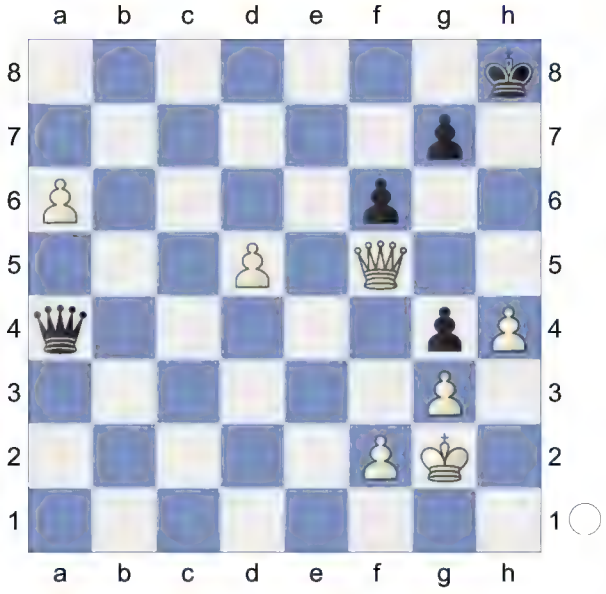


Rf8 47.Rc6 Qa4 48.Rc8 Rxc8 49.Qxc8+ KQ-KQ. White is two pawns up. **49...Kh7 50.Qf5+ Kh8**



51.Qd3 and d6 should not be overlooked **51...Qd7 52.d6 Qc6+ 53.Kh2** d7 would kill now. **53...Qb6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.29 (precise)

54.Qd2

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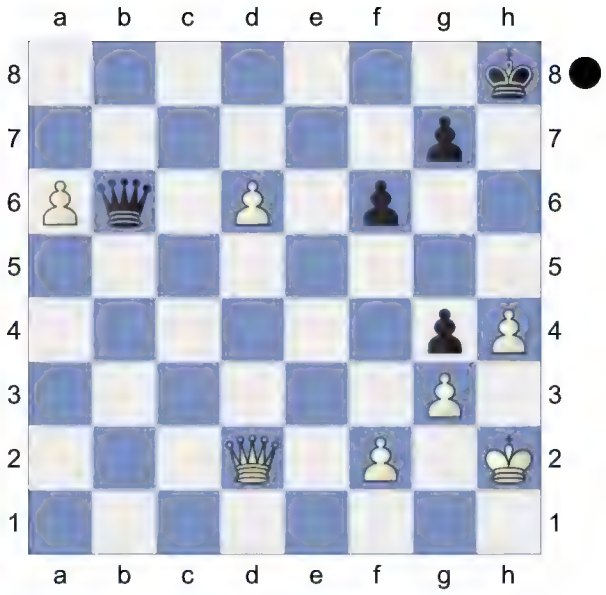

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British U-18 Championship (3) 1889

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 Notes by Steinitz. **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 d6**

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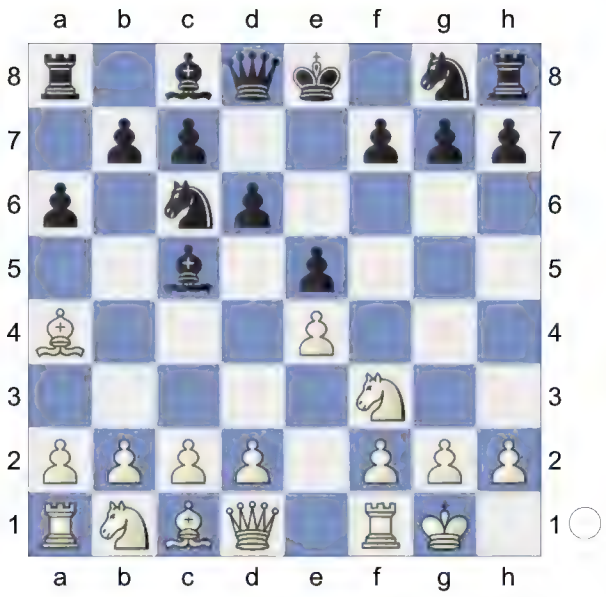
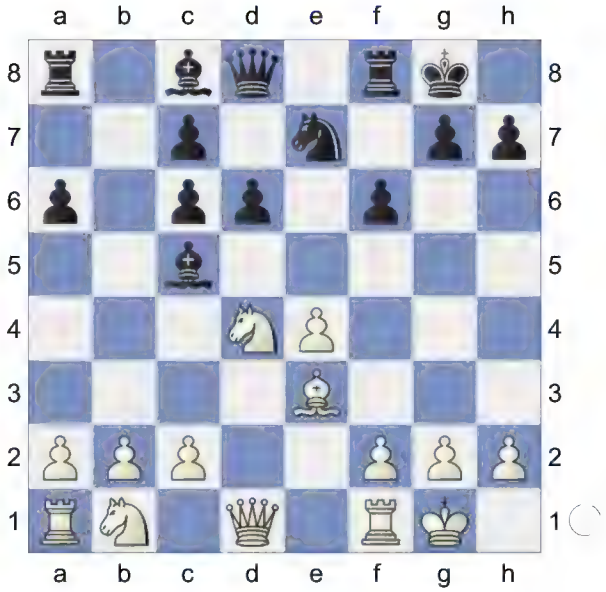


? **6.Bxc6+** 0.04/15
[6.d4± 0.43/22 exd4 7.Nxd4]
[6.c3 Bd7 7.d4 Ba7 8.Re1 *(8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Nd2 Nf6 11.Bc2 0-0 12.Qf3 Qe7 13.h3 Bb5 14.Re1 Rad8 15.a4 Bc6 16.Nc4 Ne8 17.Na5 Nd6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.a5 Nc4 20.Qe2 Nd6 21.Qxa6 Ra8 22.Qxc6 f5* 1-0 (31) Guliyev,N (2521)-Aradhya,G (2339) Aimchess Play In op rapid 2023 (7)) 8...Nge7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 f6 11.h3 Kh8 12.Nf1 Be8 13.Ng3 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxa4 16.Qxa4 Qe8 17.Qxe8 Rfxe8 18.Rad1 Kg8 19.f3 Kf7 20.Ne2 a5 ½-½ (24) Sevian,S (2687)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2691) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2023 (7)]

6...bxc6= 7.d4N
[7.c3 Nf6 8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4 Bb4 10.a3 Ba5 11.b4 Bb6 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Nbd2 Bg4 14.e5 Bxd4 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qc2 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Qxc6 Bxf3 20.Nxf3 Rc5 21.Qa4 Rf5 ½-½ (64) Perez,J-Salazar,E COL-ch U16 Cali 2009 (5)]

7...exd4 8.Nxd4 The position is equal.

8...Ne7 9.Bg5 f6 ? **10.Be3 0-0** 0.89/18
[10...Bd7= 0.10/19]



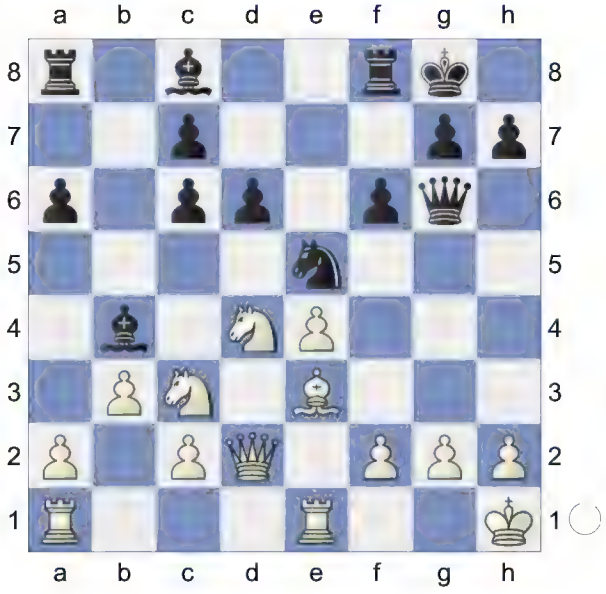
11.Nc3 -0.11/16
[11.Nxc6!± 0.89/18 Nxc6 12.Qd5+ Kh8 13.Qxc6]

11...Qe8 12.Qd2 Ng6 13.Rfe1 -0.42/21
[13.f3= -0.04/19]

13...Ne5 14.b3 Qg6 Against Nf5

15.Kh1 next Nxc6! is good for White.

15...Bb4

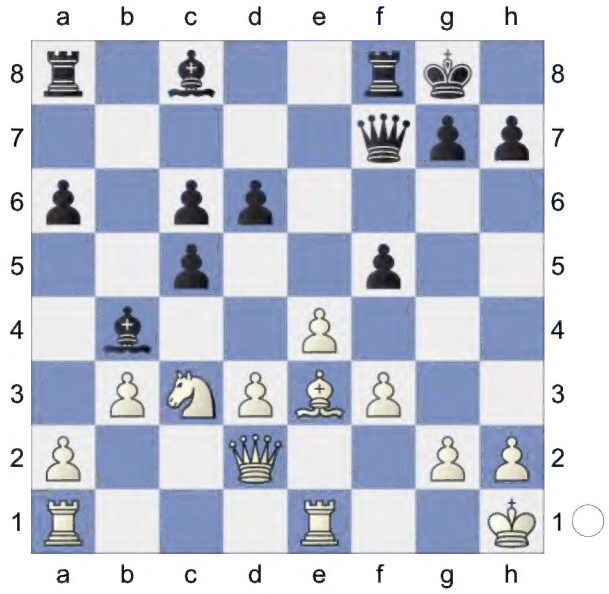


16.f3 -0.65/21
[White should play 16.f4= 0.18/22

Rd8 17.a3 *(17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Qe2 exd4=)* 17...Bxc3 18.Qxc3]

16...c5!∓ Black is more active. **17.Nde2 f5 18.Nf4 Qf7 19.Nd3 Nxd3 20.cxd3 c6** 0.21/21

[20...Rb8∓ -0.31/22]



21.Qb2= f4 0.85/19

[21...Be6= 0.16/20 keeps the balance.]

22.Bd2± Qh5 23.Ne2 0.69/21

[23.a3!± 1.19/21 Bxc3 *(23...Ba5 24.b4=)* 24.Bxc3 *(24.Qxc3 a5=)*]

23...g5 1.65/21

[23...a5± 0.69/21]

24.Bxb4!+- cxb4 25.Qd4 0.64/17

[25.Rac1+- 1.65/24]

25...g4±

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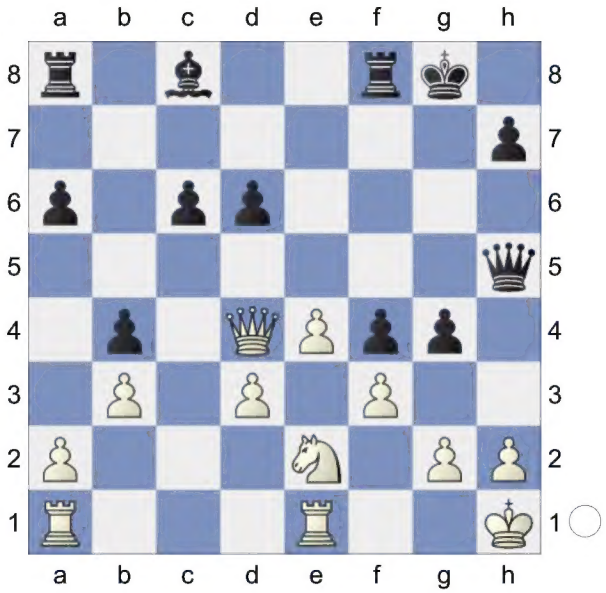

26.Qc4+ White has outmanouvered his opponent, and he had only to protect the K wing by Ng1, in order to maintain his superiority, for he was bound to win a pawn on the other side.

[26.Qxb4? g3 *(26...gxf3 27.Nxf4 Rxf4 28.Qd2-+)* 27.Kg1 Qxh2+ 28.Kf1 Bh3-+]

26...d5 1.41/24 !

[26...Kg7± 0.37/22]

27.exd5 0.00/23

[27.Qxb4 g3 *(27...gxf3? 28.Nxf4 Rxf4 29.Qd2-+)* 28.Kg1 Qxh2+ 29.Kf1 Bh3-+]

[27.Qxc6± 1.41/24 gxf3 28.Nxf4 *(28.Qxa8 fxg2+ 29.Kg1 f3±)* 28...fxg2+ 29.Nxg2]

27...g3 0.55/22

[27...cxd5= 0.00/23 28.Qd4 *(28.Qxb4? g3-+)* 28...g3]

28.dxc6+

[28.Qxb4? Qxh2#]

28...Rf7

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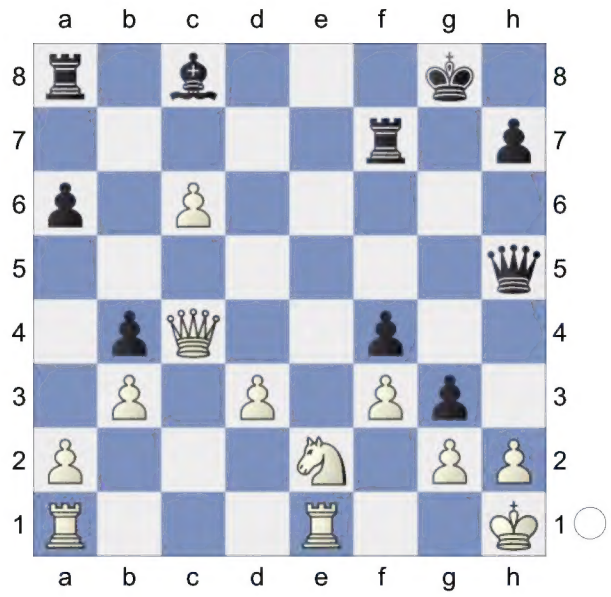
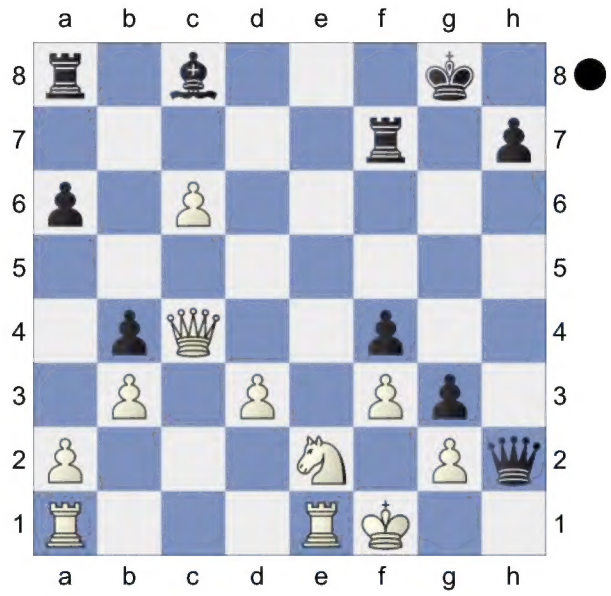


29.Kg1 -0.45/18 !
[29.Qxb4? Qxh2#]
[29.h3? Bxh3 30.Kg1 *(30.gxh3? Qxh3+ 31.Kg1 Qh2+ 32.Kf1 Qf2#; 30.Nxf4? Bxg2+* Decoy *31.Kxg2 Qh2+ 32.Kf1 Qf2#)* 30...Bxg2 31.Nxg3 fxg3-+]
[29.Nxg3!± 0.88/27 fxg3 30.Re8+ *(30.Qxb4? Qxh2#)* 30...Kg7 31.Qd4+ *(31.Qxb4? Qxh2#)* 31...Rf6 32.Re7+ Kg6 33.h4]
29...Qxh2+∓ 30.Kf1



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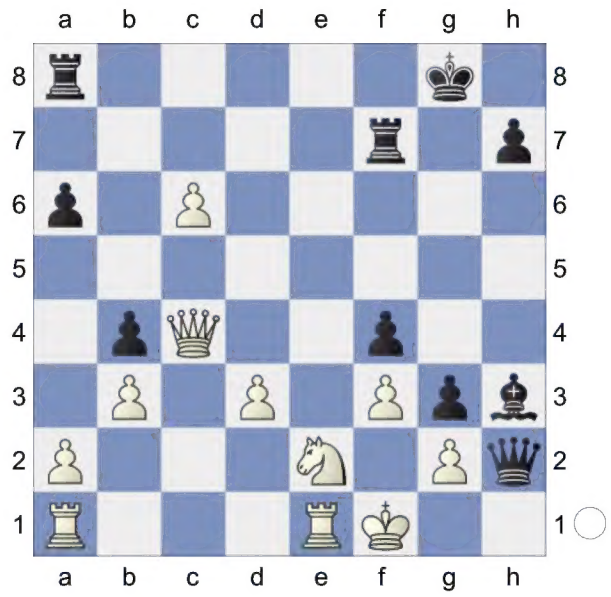
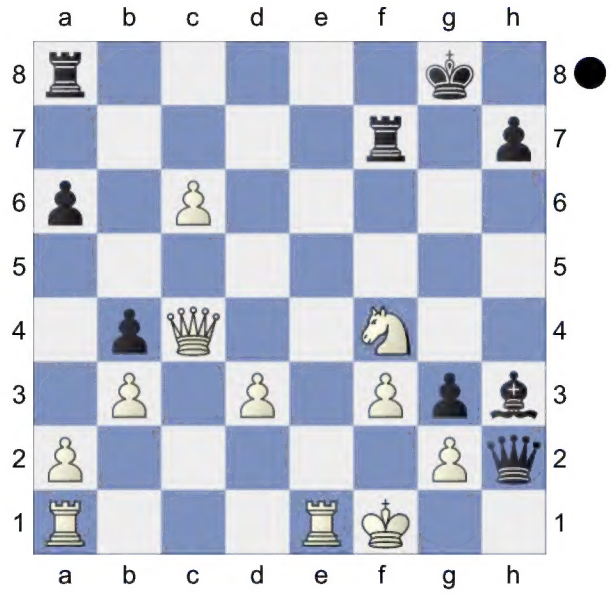


Black is pushing. Really sharp! **31.Nxf4**
[31.gxh3? Qf2#]



31...Bxg2+ 32.Nxg2 Qh1+ Deflection
33.Ke2 Qxg2+ 34.Kd1 Qxf3+ 35.Kd2!
[35.Kc1? g2 *(35...Rc8? 36.Qxb4 Rxc6+ 37.Kb2-+)* 36.Kd2 *(36.c7? Qg3-+)* 36...Qf2+ 37.Re2 g1Q-+]
35...Rc8

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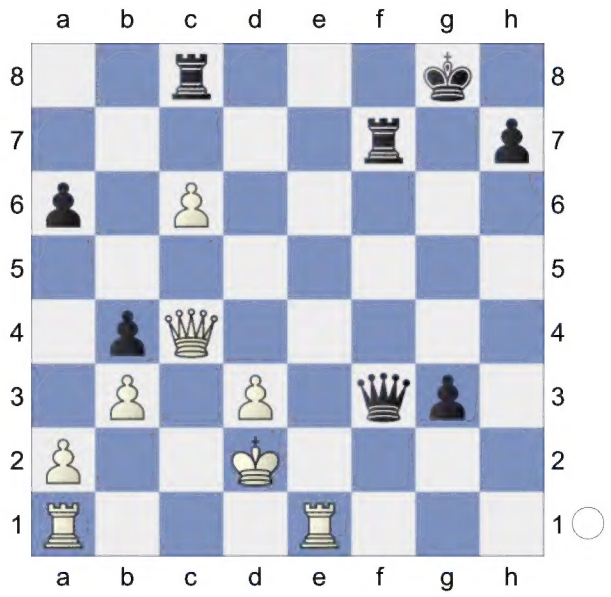
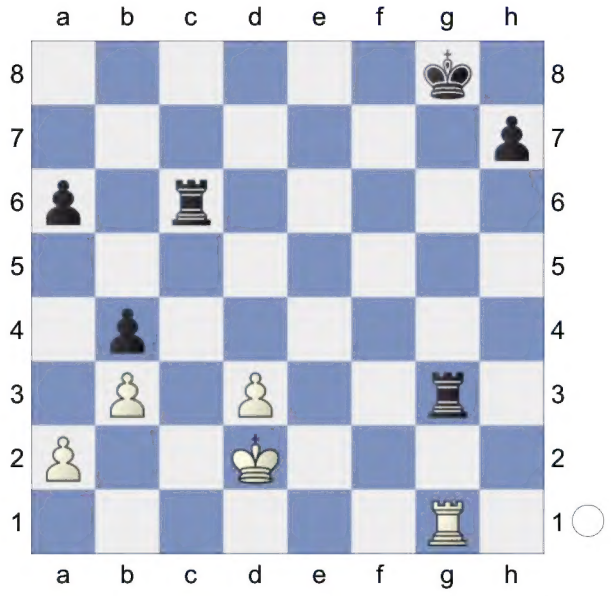
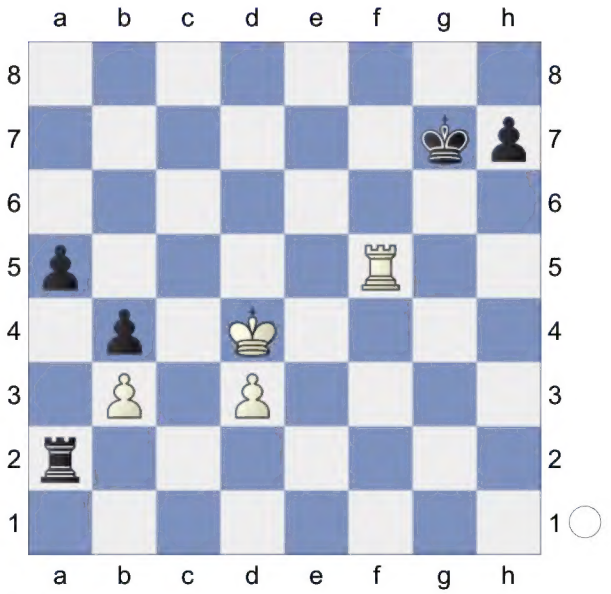


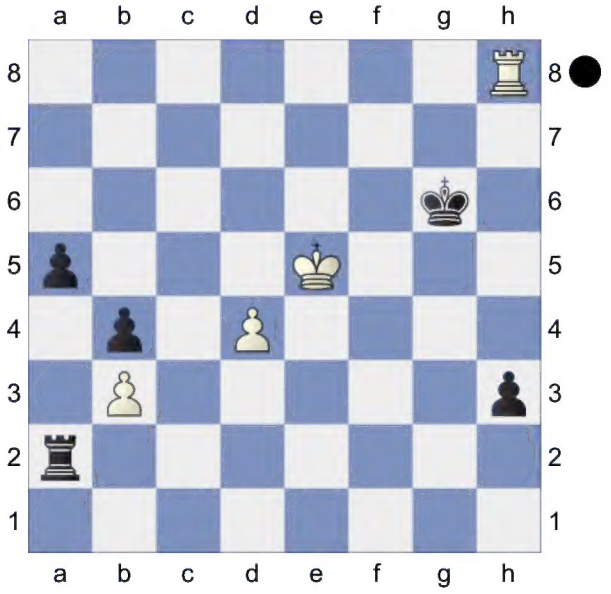
36.Rac1 Threatens to win with Rf1!.
[36.Rf1!? Qg2+□ 37.Ke3=]
36...Qf4+ 37.Qxf4 Re3 was much superior
[37.Re3 keeps more tension. Qf2+ 38.Re2 Qf4+ 39.Qxf4 Rxf4 40.Ke3]
37...Rxf4= Endgame KRR-KRR **38.Re3** Re4 would have easily secured a draw. **38...Rg4 39.Rg1** His position becomes bad after this, Ke2 was better. **39...Rxc6 40.Rexg3 Rxg3**



41.Rxg3+ KR-KR **41...Rg6 42.Rf3 Rg2+ 43.Ke3 Rxa2 44.Kd4 a5 45.Rf5** Weak. Even now he could make a fair fight for a draw by 45.Kc4, and if 45... Rc2+ 46.Kb5 Rc3 47.Ka4. **45...Kg7**



46.Rb5 Kg6 47.Ke5? -4.21/25
[47.Kc5= -0.08/26 and White has nothing to worry.]
47...h5-+ 48.d4 h4 49.Rb8 h3 Black is clearly winning. **50.Rh8**



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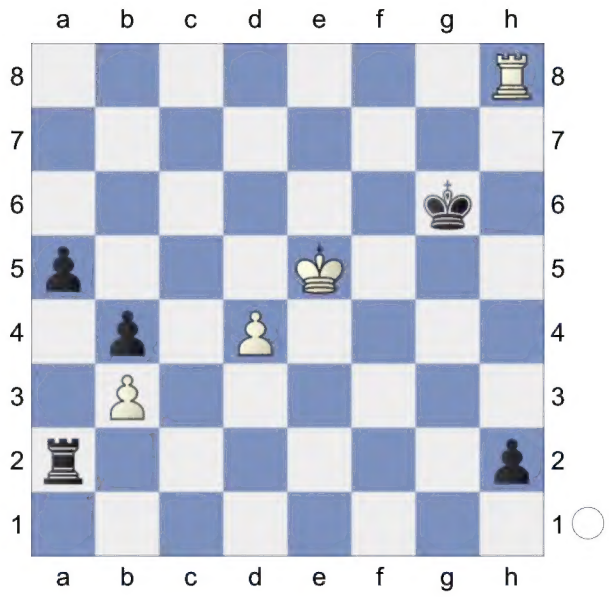
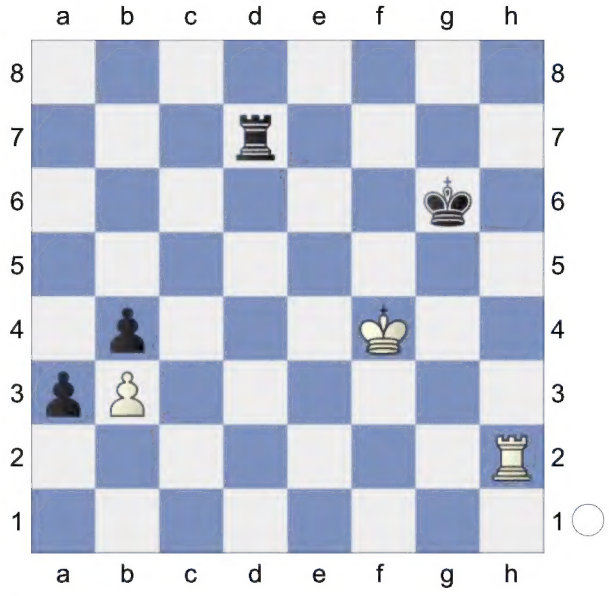
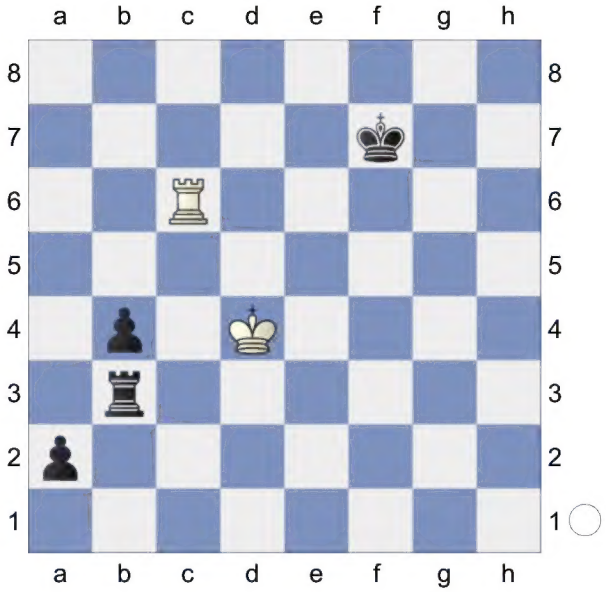


51.d5 a4 52.d6 Re2+
[52...axb3 53.d7 Re2+ 54.Kf4=]
53.Kf4 a3 Black's end play is remarkably fine and accurate.
[Weaker is 53...axb3 54.d7 Rd2 55.Ke3 Rxd7 56.Rxh2=]
54.d7 Rd2 55.Rxh2 Rxd7



56.Rc2 Rd3 57.Rc6+ Kf7 58.Ke4 Rxb3 aiming for ...a2. **59.Kd4**
Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

59...a2



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